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FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER COLUMBIA.

VISIT OF GEN. BANKS TO BATON ROUGE.

Rumors of an Intended Attack by the Rebels.

Brisk Preparations for the Attack on Port Hudson.

Changes Among the Officials in the Department.

Gen. Bowen Made Provost-Marshal General.

The steamer Columbia, with New-Orleans dates to the 25th ult., arrived last evening.

Everything is reported quiet in that city, and nothing of moment had transpired.

Gen. Banks had been to Baton Rouge to visit the portion of his command at that place—some 15,000 men, under the command of Maj.-Gen. Augur. He returned on the 23d ult.

The visit was partially owing to the rumor that the rebels intended attacking our men there. They must be strong to attempt it, in total of the that troops of Gen. Bowen are there, and have the advantage of knowing the ground thoroughly, besides having once already given the rebels a lesson on the same spot.

At New-Orleans, several important changes have been made among officials. Brig.-Gen. Boyce, late Police Commissioner of the city, is appointed Provost-Marshal-General of the Department, in place of Col. Clark, a recent appointee of Gen. Banks.

Col. C. C. Dwyer, of the One Hundred and Sixtieth New-York Volunteers, relieves Col. Farrar, the chief Provost-Marshal of Louisiana. The latter, it is thought, conflicts with the authority of Gen. Bowen, Military Governor, who appointed Col. Farrar to the position, whilst Col. Dwyer is appointed by Gen. Banks. This was not quite satisfactorily arranged when the steamer left.

Col. Dwyer, Acting Mayor of New-Orleans, has also found to resign for public reasons.

Gen. Weitzel, on mounting to the La Fourche district, had returned with his troops to the old camp, near Thibodeauville. He will shortly go to Baton Rouge or join in the attack upon Port Hudson, now imminent. The rebels at that place have been strengthening their works and mounting their guns, evidently intending to hold out as long as possible. Our gunboats cannot assist much in the attack, though the mortar vessels will be likely to discommode them considerably.

Nothing new had transpired in Texas. At Galveston we have the *Brooklyn*, *Sciota*, and other vessels, blockading, to prevent the *Harriet Lane* coming out, though it is rumored she got ahead of them by running out immediately after the fight, and before our vessels reached them. This is not probable, as she was damaged and needed repairs before going to sea.

The *Alabama* has not been heard from in the Gulf since the sinking of the *Hatteras*. As a number of vessels are cruising after her, she probably finds it prudent to keep out of reach for a while.

New-Orleans banks have lately refused Treasury notes on deposit. The latter are now par with city currency. Gen. Banks has remonstrated with the Bank Directors, and they had consented to receive the notes on special deposit. Confederate notes were rising, and in some demand, and seemed more buoyant and heavy.

The *Columbia* brings a good cargo and full passenger list. Among the latter are Capt. Rox, U. S. N., Lieut.-Col. Bennett and Major Duncan, U. S. A., Mr. Gunnerson, the defeated candidate for Congress from New-Orleans, Mr. Wm. J. Enos, the agent of the steamer, who was captured by guerrillas up the River Mississippi, and Paymaster Talman, U. S. N.

OUR NEW-ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

Dearth of a Rebel Blockade of the Port—"Our Navy Manageably" Asleep—The Late Commander Mackenzie—Gen. Banks' Trip to Baton Rouge—Port Hudson—Murder of the Scotch—Miscellaneous News.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,
NEW-ORLEANS, Sunday, Jan. 25, 1863.

From the peculiar circumstances under which I am placed I cannot explain my exact sentiments except I follow the example of our Mission friends and say, that if you never get this letter I hope you will believe one of the first by the first regular mail.

The reason of this request is, that the *Oreto*, the *Harriet Lane* and the *Alabama* are said to be off the mouth of the Mississippi, having established a regular blockade, and I see no reason why they cannot do it, and not only cutoff the good mercantile shipping of Columbia, but also sink most of our navy. After the "affair" at Galveston, the *Brooklyn* "went down," and no one has ever heard of the vessel since, and I suppose she is tied up somewhere with a screw loose.

As soon as the Mississippi can be got ready (!) she will move, and I suppose that will be the last of her. If the *Alabama* can thus draw off our frigates and keep them disposed of in Mobile shipping along the Gulf, why cannot Banks choose of the *Hartford* in the same way, and having nothing really to fear from the "remainder," pass the forts some foggy night, and just clean out our harbor, and finally realize the kind wonder's dream of some few indeed here, who petitioned "Lord Lovell" to have the city without regard to the women or children, bombarded and burnt up, rather than fall into the possession of the Yankees!

THE NAVY.

These are great times surely. Here we are at war with some rebellious States which originally had no navy, and yet if things go on in this way much longer, between borrowing from England and taking from us, I see no reason that we shall not soon find it impossible to keep either a national or commercial vessel afloat. The navy here is certainly asleep. By the way, on a former occasion I described the French Admiral under the impression it was our FARRAGUT, as I take back what I said about our Admiral's superior personal presence, and if he does not do something, even to retrieve our honor in the Gulf, I wish he could be removed to a more harth in some of our Northern Navy yards, though I believe these "fat places" are held to be peculiar for the gentlemen who surrendered Norfolk.

And while I am on this subject, let me say a word in honor of the late Commander BUCHANAN, who was shot from a rifle-pit in the recent successful attempt at Berwick's Bay to burn the rebel pirated steamer *Cotton*. Commander BUCHANAN was a genuine specimen of our idea of a naval hero. He was a man of remarkably fine personal appearance; his smile on a crowd of people was like a ray of sunshine. He was never, when ashore, tired of being good-natured, and never faltered by industry. After he cleaned out Pontchartrain, with the *New-London*, he went to work and picked up three miserable old lake steamers, that did not seem to have strength enough to fall to pieces, and with this miserable capital to commence with, he accomplished a fleet of gunboats which are to-day more serviceable than any of their size in our navy. It was from the deck of the *Cotton*—one of these boats—that he was shot. He was the only man that at the moment was standing on the forward part of the vessel, and he was so near the shore that he could have leaped a shrub into the rifle-pits that held his cowardly foe. BUCHANAN was remonstrated with, but he said it was his place to be anywhere on his vessel that he deemed important for her proper command, and in carrying out this chivalrous determination he fell a victim. Since that sad event we have had no one here to keep the navy in our eye, or make it talked about in the streets. It has passed seemingly away; and sometimes when on the levee, and looking out upon the crowd of war vessels, and remembering that the *Alabama* is rollicking with impunity in the Gulf, I think that the planks of these vessels, which have been mollycoddled so long, have begun to vegetate and sent down roots into the rich soil of the Mississippi, and will never be torn from their fastenings.

THE PROSPECTIVE MOVEMENT TO PORT HUDSON.

I have no important military movements to report. A few days ago, Gen. BANKS, with two or three confidential officers of his staff, went up to Baton Rouge, and I presume the object was to make the commencement of a final attack on Port Hudson. I have reason to believe that there are now not more than ten thousand men in that sickly stronghold, and as it is on a point absolutely surrounded on almost every side by an impassable river, it would seem to be easy to cut off communication with its rear, and soon starve the garrison into a surrender. This much is certain—Gen. BANKS has at Baton Rouge now, within a *forced day's* march of the rear of Port Hudson, nearly three times the number of the Confederate troops. Whether they (the rebels) will be reinforced in the present season of apparent inactivity, I cannot say. I have always had the impression that the rebel soldiers at Port Hudson were of the most inferior kind, mostly conscripts, and ready, with a fair chance, to get away from the service. In the front the place is strong; nature has made it singularly favorable for powerful defence, but the rear is open, and possesses no superior advantages. Between Port Hudson and Vicksburgh to the mouth of Red River, Texas, through this river and the Atchafalaya the enemy made a way out of the Gulf into the Mississippi and up to Vicksburgh. Port Hudson taken, and the trade between Texas and the Mississippi would be cut off—an effect that would be very damaging at this time even upon the energy at Richmond. While writing on this subject, I cannot forget that a few months ago Port Hudson was a naked bluff, reaching out into the river, with nothing about it repulsive but its stony backs and grim attitude. A few hundred men could then have taken possession of it, fortified its rear against a land attack, and made it a hospitable landing-place for the soldiers of our armies ascending the river; but the cry of Gen. BUTLER for reinforcements was never heeded, and now thousands are required to fight and die to do the work, while at the time I speak of, without striking a blow or losing a life, it could have been accomplished by a few hundred men.

COTTON FROM TEXAS.

The schooner *Pearl* arrived in our port yesterday, direct from the Rio Grande, having on board 112 bales of cotton. The Captain reports 12 vessels, loaded down with all sorts of goods, at the mouth of the Rio Grande, unable to get up on account of the low stage of water. The cotton was originally from Texas, but it was taken across the river, and shipped from Matamoras as Mexican cotton. There is a great quantity of the staple at Matamoras, and an enormous amount of goods at the mouth of the river, but the want of lighters at present almost puts a stop to trade. There are no Confederate troops at Brownsville, nor along the frontier. A few thousand men, under a dashing officer, or under Gov. HAMILTON, sent to the mouth of the Rio Grande, could take possession of this line of Texas, secure to the New-York merchants an enormous trade in cotton, and in sixty days, with the assistance of loyal Texans, secure that State to the Union. Why this is not done, seems to me impossible to understand. There are troops enough reeling about New-Orleans and vicinity to go down to the place named, perform the work as a frolic, and then come back again before they seem to be needed at this point for active operations.

THE FRENCH IN MEXICO.

In the early part of September last the bark *Rosa*, from Boston, came out to this port with an assorted cargo, and during no market, discharged, was hauled off the ways, overhauled and clinked, then reloaded and started for Vera Cruz. Arriving at that port, the French authorities charged the Captain such enormous duties that nearly one-half of the cargo was sold to meet these charges alone. This done, the Captain found there was no demand for the remaining part of his cargo. In fact, the French speculators had entire charge of the market, and would permit no competition. The Captain reports that, while in the harbor, some twenty-eight French men-of-war arrived, and quietly landed over fifty thousand soldiers. Reserves, many of whom had served in the Crimea. This enormous number of troops seemed to be moved without accident or confusion, and with the precision of clock-work. This certainly forms a beautifully mortifying contrast to the thirty thousand troops of the Banks Expedition, which were not effected in all sorts of crazy and leaky vessels, many of which were wrecked, and the rest reaching their port of destination in a most wretched condition. Thousands of these French troops, the day they landed, took up their line of march, without the least appearance of having suffered from their long voyage. The fleet was accompanied by transports, which landed an enormous amount of army stores, which work was assisted by several thousand mules purchased in the United States, and brought to Vera Cruz in American bottoms. About seventeen miles of railroad had been completed, and a large number of workmen had arrived from New-Orleans. Trade with the interior had entirely ceased. The French speak of the occupation of Mexico as permanent, and all the movements of the French forces seemed to indicate that idea. Provisions among the Mexicans were dear, the resources of the country seeming to be approaching exhaustion. It is evident that NAPOLEON has at last got a province that will be a credit to France, and possibly a source of profit. Algiers has been her military school; Mexico is to be her money-making possession. Of the political and commercial influence of the occupation of Mexico by France one can hardly comprehend the consequences. The Monroe doctrine we fear will be a farce.

THE SECESH AND THE NEW REGIME.

The Secessionists here are now undergoing a course of "moral suasion" for their reformation, and as a result the arguments to bring the National Government into disrespect is beginning to display itself. Some of the week deserve a notice. The rebel brokers and bankers, for instance, have been for some weeks past working together to depreciate the value of United States Treasury Notes. The first demonstration consisted in refusing to receive them on deposit in the banks, and next followed the inexcusable act, for it is no less, of the brokers taking them only at a discount. The persons engaged in these nefarious transactions, I am sorry to say, have not been interfered with, and they are pushing on a state of things which will, they trust, put in a degree, at least, the greatest to pay of the United States on a par with those of the Confederacy. These money speculators have no wish for any other result than to injure the credit of the Federal Government, and thus covertly bring its representatives here into contempt. As this robbery is by a flagrant law of the land a legal tender, I cannot see why the law is with perfect impunity broken. A night or two ago the newsboys, who while since were openly, at least, very patriotic, but are now quite the reverse, suddenly made their appearance after dark with what stood to be a rebel extra, viz: two columns of worn out type worked off on a proof galley. This extra turned out to be a most laudatory life of Stonewall JACKSON, in which his military prowess was likened to innumerable Washingtons and Bonapartes, but great as they were, they were into profound obscurity when compared with his religious character. On this last subject he was unconsciously sound, as he spent most of his time, when not fighting the Yankees, down on his knees in prayer for the success of his blessed Government which, if established, would give its people, now and forever more, a permanent hold on the humane and God-like institution of Slavery. The churches are now in full operation, and the secesh ministers, those left here, have turned up just as full of venom as they were before the "arrival of the Scot." The prayers for the President and for the peace and prosperity of the nation are discarded, and such other negative, but nevertheless offensive insults are offered up for the "second dish," affording to the speculative and observing mind here a very fair notion of how long it will be before treason is again punished, as the only way for the salvation of souls. In Dr. PALMER's Church, the "Sunflower," last Sabbath, labored long and zealously to induce the Lord to open the way for the return of the blessed pastor, now absent *by the decree of wicked men*. He prayed that the same Dr. PALMER might have strength from on high to sustain him in his times of persecution. Another most revolting evidence of secession hate is exhibited in the traps set to inveigle the poor soldier and sailor into the dens of vice and infamy, ply them with poisoned liquor, that soon makes them raving maniacs, in which condition they are turned into the streets to be arrested by brutal police men, who take a seeming satisfaction of dragging in the most degrading and insulting manner a National soldier or sailor through the streets, tapping them occasionally on the head with their clubs, or throwing them down with violence on the curbstones. By this course, and under cover of the law, these policemen get off a deal of the hate many of them feel for the Union troops, and also at the same time, by their brutal conduct, they counteract an enviable reputation among their secesh sympathizing friends. In short, any expressed desire to conciliate them, people, is simply taken advantage of, to give evidence to an innate and unalterable hate of the Union and its representatives. People of better circumstances show their malevolence by sneers and taunting remarks. In many cases practical insults, full of meaning, but not absolutely offensive enough to be noticed, are resorted to. The secesh ladies are remarkable for their part, are just at this moment even more than usually attentive to the foreign officers in port, and the French and Spanish Representatives—the *Rinaldo* put it gunn—are all the while in danger of being surfeited with attentions, consisting of confectionery, small talk, and crinoline, meanwhile asserting openly and defiantly, that the National officers are good enough to be used, but not worthy of the attentions due to equals; in short, that they are nothing but essentially despicable Yankees.

HER COLORED SOLDIERS IN THE FORTS.

The first regiment of Native Guards, in harmony with a suggestion I made at the time the first colored Union regiment was raised in this State, has been sent to Fort Jackson, and the troops before in possession are now in New-Orleans. I have no doubt but these men will prove able and skillful defenders of the fort, and if ever called upon will do good service. In this connection I am obliged to notice one of the most extraordinary things possible under the sun, that has just happened in New-Orleans. A few evenings ago the police went to work and indiscriminately arrested any colored man they could catch in the streets. In the darkest days of Pro-Slavery administration, was there ever such a universal and seemingly causeless war made upon these unhappy negroes. No cause was given, no previous notice had been issued, and no respect of persons was indicated. Old men, who had been born free and lived unmolested all their lives, were involved in the general seizure. Persons freed by their masters, freed by the direct acts of Major-Gen. BUTLER, persons who had come within the Federal lines in consequence with the acts of Congress, persons who had been freed by special acts, persons who had been abandoned by their masters, persons walking in the streets with their white employers and mistresses, who were at the moment out on errands for people with whom they lived; persons whose children were at the moment wearing the United States uniform and there in the field fighting for their country's flag, all—all were arrested, and in one moment, astonished and overwhelmed mass, crowded into the Prison pen, and all kept in confinement until the following morning, but many still longer, until their masters were forced to pay jail fees and take them away. Now what does all this mean? If there is any meaning in words, there cannot be a slave within the lines of our troops, and there can no more be legally a slave in New-Orleans than there can be in Massachusetts. Who are these movers-back of what we suppose is always the forward step of revolution? Whence came the authority that justified this new act of treachery, this defiance of the Proclamation of the President, the laws of Congress, the claims of humanity? Nothing could have been more unjust, more ill-advised, more destructive to the Union cause than this, for, with the treacherous surroundings of the Secessionists and enemies of the Union, let the slaves free and the freed negroes learn from and experience that the National Government has, too, betrayed them, and we could not, in my opinion, another three months hold this city; the largest mass of the reliable loyal people would have passed away, and the one hundred and fifty thousand defensible, held in subjection by a few troops, would soon, in my opinion, overpower the conquerors, and restore the city to its rebel dominion.

THE POSSUM AND THE SLAVES.

That we may see exactly how the wind blows, the following extracts from an editorial of the *Picayune* of Friday will serve to open the eyes of the Northern people as to how the President's Proclamations are expounded in this latitude:

"THE POSSUM REGULATIONS IN REFERENCE TO SLAVES.—The emancipation Proclamation of the President of the United States, after enumerating the States and parts of States to which it does not apply, contains these words: 'And which excepted parts are, for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.' Among the 'excepted parts' are thirteen parishes of this State, including New-Orleans. These parishes are Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary and St. Martin.

"We desire respectfully to call the attention of the authorities here to the very specific language of the Executive of the United States on this subject, because much as it has a very direct and important bearing upon the interests and peace of our citizens. This city and the parishes aforesaid, it will be perceived, remain, in reference to our gentle population, precisely as if no proclamation of the kind had ever been issued. The said proclamation does not touch our local power regulations in the slightest particular; therefore, in respect to this matter, it leaves them precisely where it found them—in full force. The public now are expecting to see the laws enforced, and were much gratified the other day with the steps taken by Col. FARRAR, the Provost-Marshal, toward this end."

It will be perceived that the *Picayune* confines its remarks to the effect of the Proclamation of the 1st of January last. If the previously passed laws of Congress, and the previously issued proclamations of the President regarding Slavery mean anything, have any vitality, is there a slave *left* in New-Orleans or anywhere else within our lines? The conceptions made by the President are decidedly pleasant features, or what else you please—a strange and singular oversight—for Mr. LINCOLN certainly does not intend to restore Slavery where it don't exist, and I certainly do not think that the whole country is to be free, except the few blessed spots created by the President's Proclamation. But to the secesh—the Dixie treats the subject in this vein:

EXTENSIVE RAIDS FOR COLORED PEOPLE.—Yesterday was an interesting day to the colored population of the state slave. Some two hundred had been arrested the previous night by the police, enforcing the order of Col. FARRAR, to arrest all negroes found in the streets after the 8 o'clock bell should ring, who did not have passes from their owners or agents. As no warning had been given them, the lockups were soon full. Yesterday the owners of a great many called, paid jail fees and took their servants home, while others, on showing that they were freemen, were set at liberty, and the balance were sent to the police jail to await the pleasure of their masters and mistresses. There was some stir and a good deal of talk, and some opened their eyes wider than usual at this singular turn of events.—*Jan. 25.*

WITHOUT PASSES.—A great many negroes were taken up last night, for being out without passes from their owners. This will be the case for a few nights, until the new order of things becomes generally known, when Sambo will either stay in his quarters, get his pass, or brighten up his wits to evade the vigilance of the police.—*Jan. 23.*

The *Picayune* treats the matter with less levity, and in a more business way, merely congratulating its readers upon the fact that in a few days the *old police regulations of the city regarding slaves will be in full operation*, and everything will be moving on gloriously. Comment is useless. What are we fighting for?

DEPARTURE OF REGISTERED ENEMIES.

For the first time since the arrival of Gen. BANKS the way has been opened to the secesh to get across the lake into rebeldom, and the way it was done forms the staple of a good deal of gossip. The *Delta* gives the report in full, and as it is such an amusing chapter, Northern readers shall have it. Considering how dull everything is here, generally speaking, I feel a sort of malicious dissatisfaction that I was not on the jolly pic-nic alluded to. Surely no strawberry party that ever left Catharine-street dock to meander among the green shades of Hallem had such a good time generally. But to the account:

THE TRIP TO MADISONVILLE.—Col. CLARKE, Provost-Marshal General of the Department of the Gulf, has returned from his trip to Madisonville, in the land of Dixie. He left here last Wednesday morning on the steamboat *S. P. Brown*, taking about one hundred and fifty women and children, and something less than a dozen old men, being all of the registered enemies that availed themselves of the privilege of going with their friends on that morning, and of proceeding to their homes. The trip is represented as having been a very agreeable and pleasant one, being more like a party of pleasure than a party that was bidding farewell to pleasure, and from the great number of baskets of provisions, (each lady having provided herself with refreshments for a long journey,) a person unacquainted with the facts would have thought it was a party of pleasure. The ladies at first prevailed upon Colonel CLARKE—who is a very amiable gentleman and a great lady's man—to land them at Manchac; but on arriving there the scene of desolations and the inhospitable appearance of the alligators and other fierce inhabitants of the swamps in the neighborhood of the Pass, combined to give such a disagreeable notice of the wild region, which had been decorted by everything human, that the Colonel's fair cargo was quite satisfied that Madisonville would be the best point after all, at which to terminate their present journey. Accordingly the boat was turned around, and the party soon arrived at that important commercial city, which is to the Confederacy what New-Orleans is to the Mississippi, Rome to the Tiber, and London to the Thames. Here the rebel ladies were put ashore, with their baggage and provisions. They found but few people in the town to welcome them. There were no soldiers of the Confederacy in the neighborhood, and although there were signs of the guerrillas having recently been about, they had all skedaddled, on hearing the whistle of the *Brown*. As the steamer backed out from the wharf to return, the ladies gave three hearty cheers for Col. CLARKE, followed by three for their idol, JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The whole of this pleasant affair, however, is dashed by a single sentence from the pen of the Commanding General, for just at the moment we have a National officer who is really popular with the Secesh, cut crimce the following startling paragraph:

[General]

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 13.—Brig.-Gen. JAMES BOWEN is appointed Provost-Marshal General of the Department of the Gulf, and will relieve Col. JOHN S. CLARKE, Aid-de-Camp in his duties as such.

By command of Maj.-Gen. BANKS.

A REBEL STORY.

Alleged Capture of One of Our Gunboats in Stono River, S. C.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 1.

Acting Rear-Admiral LEE has sent the following telegram to the Secretary of the Navy:

NEWSMAN'S NEWS, Saturday, Jan. 31,
Via FORT MONROE, Sunday, Feb. 1—8 A. M.

The Richmond *Examiner*, of Saturday, contains the following dispatch:

CHARLESTON, Friday, Jan. 30.

The Federal gunboat *J. P. Smith*, carrying eleven guns and two hundred and thirty men, surrendered unconditionally to our forces this afternoon, after a sharp engagement at Stono River. The enemy's loss is heavy. Only one man was wounded on our side. Another gunboat escaped in a crippled condition. Our forces were under command of Lieut.-Col. WAYNE.

IMPORTANT FROM NASHVILLE.

Desperate Attempts of the Rebels to Capture the River Fleet.

NASHVILLE, Saturday, Jan. 31.

One thousand cavalry, FORREST commanding, with a battery of four pieces of artillery, are still at the Shoals, awaiting the passage of the fleet to this point, which left from the vicinity of Franklin, Tenn., for that place last night. A stupendous effort for the capture of the boats on the Cumberland River is determined on by the rebels.

The river is at a stand. Rising at 10 P. M.

MOVEMENTS OF THE GUERRILLA MORGAN.

LOUISVILLE, Sunday, Feb. 1.

MORGAN, with a considerable force, is reported crossing the Cumberland River, above and below Rowena, either to cut the railroad or obtain possession of certain points in Northern and Central Kentucky.

Release of Mr. Boileau.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Feb. 1.

Mr. BOILEAU telegraphed his family this afternoon that he had been released from Fort McHenry, and will arrive home to-night. He will be received by a large number of friends.

VERY IMPORTANT REPORT

The Pirate Oreto Said to be Sunk by Our Gunboats.

The Report Brought by Passengers from Havana.

RELIANCE PLACED UPON IT THERE.

A Confirmation by the Gunboat Cayuga.

THE ORETO SUNK BY A SHELL.

The Gunboat Cayler Previously in Chase of Her.

From passengers who arrived by the *Columbia* at this port yesterday, we have very important reports concerning our naval fleet and the privateer *Oreto*, in Havana waters—reports which we hope will be confirmed.

The *Columbia* left New-Orleans on the 25th ult., and arrived at Havana on the 27th. While remaining at Havana, the passengers learned from the inhabitants that heavy firing had been heard at a supposed distance of sixty miles from that place. It was positively asserted by some who appeared to be well informed in the matter, that several of our gunboats had attacked the rebel *Oreto*, and sunk her. The report was generally believed in Havana, and was the all-absorbing theme of conversation.

The *Columbia* left Havana for New-York at 1 P. M. on the 28th. Just prior to her departure the *Creole*, from New-York, arrived, bringing the intelligence that she had been hailed by the United States gunboat *Cayuga* on the day previous, and was informed by her Captain that *a number of the National gunboats and the Oreto had had a sharp engagement, during which the Oreto was struck by a shell and sunk.*

As but half an hour elapsed between the arrival of the *Creole* and the sailing of the *Columbia*, it was impossible for the passengers of the latter vessel to gather the particulars. Taking into consideration, however, the confidence of the people at Havana in the truth of the report, and the subsequent confirmation by the officers of the *Creole*, the passengers are fully convinced that the piratical craft, *Oreto*, has at last met her well-deserved fate.

Three days previous to the arrival of the *Columbia* at Havana, the *Oreto* was chased into that port by the United States gunboat *Cayler*. On the following day the *Cayler* disappeared, evidently for the purpose of drawing out the *Oreto* from her place of refuge. It would appear that the stratagem was admirably and successfully executed.

The passengers are elated beyond measure at the highly encouraging and satisfactory news of which they are the bearers. The scene at the Astor House, where a number of them are stopping, was truly exciting. Each one was the nucleus of a large circle of eager listeners, who did not fail to catch every word as it fell from the lips of the narrators.

OUR HAVANA CORRESPONDENCE.

Rumored Movements of the Oreto or Florida, &c.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Jan. 28.

We have had no reliable information of the *Florida* since the departure of the *Eagle*. Of course there are many rumors. One gives her whereabouts as of the Grand Inagua; another places her on the Bahamas, off Abaco; others that she had a fight with a Federal gunboat; was on fire off Abaco; was being chased off the Banks by a war steamer painted black, &c.

The *R. R. Cuyler* got ashore for an hour or so going into Cienfuegos. She has, with the *Santiago de Cuba*, sailed again.

The *Sumter* and *Tiger* have been here and left.

The *Sim Jackson* was reported to have been lost, but I have traced the rumor to its source, and find that it all came from the fact that this vessel passed Mayaguez (Porto Rico) on the 12th.

Some anxiety is felt for the non-arrival of the *Creole* from your port, and of the *Ethiop* from New-Orleans.

The *Moses* arrived from London on the 17th. She is to sail soon for New-York.

One of the vessels that the *Florida* burned was at anchor at the time in the mouth of the port of Cardenas. The Captain has sent men and launches to try to save the anchors, chains, and whatever may have escaped the ravages of the flames.

The bark *Talent* arrived on the 26th from New-York. She brings papers of the 17th inst.

We have dates from Venezuela to the 8th.

The only thought fair worth calling are that Gen. MONAGAS had been caught by Gen. BELAVENA and 100 men, while escaping to Barcanas; that the blockade of Maracaibo still continues, and the railroad from Caracas to Petare has been commenced.

There have been no rebel clearances or entrances since my last.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Sailing of the Patapsco—Exchange of Prisoners.

FORTRESS MONROE, Saturday, Jan. 31,
and BALTIMORE, Sunday, Feb. 1.

The iron-clad *Patapsco* left Hampton Roads last evening at 7 o'clock, and went to sea under convoy of the United States gunboat *Pocasse*.

The gunboat *Rhode Island*, which has been here several days taking in coal, sailed hence at 6 o'clock this forenoon.

The flag-of-truce steamboat *New-York*, in charge of *Capt. JOHN E. MULFORD, leaves for City Point to-night*, and is expected to bring down several hundred Union prisoners now in Richmond.

Gen. McClellan to be Invited to Visit Portland.

PORTLAND, Sunday, Feb. 1.

The friends of Gen. McCLELLAN met in the City Hall last evening, and, after passing complimentary resolutions, appointed a Committee of 100 to invite Gen. McCLELLAN to visit Portland.

IMPORTANT FROM GALVESTON.

Letter from on Board the Gunboat New-London.

THE HARRIET LANE NOT ESCAPED

Preliminary Bombardment of the Rebel Batteries by the Brooklyn and Other Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 1.

The following extract from a letter written by Acting Assistant Paymaster FARRAGUT R. TUNNARD, of the United States steamer *New-London*, detailing some incidents of the bombardment of Galveston, has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy:

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 10, 1863.

We arrived off Galveston about noon to-day, and as soon as the Captain reported to the flag-officer, the request went up from the flag-officer to prepare for action and get under way. The *Brooklyn* stopped about two miles from the fort, while the *New-London* and *Sciota* went close in, to draw if possible the fire of any batteries which the rebels may have erected.

Surrounding the fort could be seen the tents of the troops, and toward them our fire was directed. The ball was opened by the *Brooklyn*. She was lying about a mile and a half from us. We saw a puff of smoke at her bow, and then heard the deep booming of her gun. While in the air we could hear the howling of her shell as they passed over us.

The *Sciota* followed with her eleven-inch and Parrott at one extremity of the town, while we went along the front at the other extremity. We opened fire with one Parrott and Sawyer, but elicited no reply.

We then went within a mile and a half of the fort, and opened fire on the encampment. The *Sciota* came after us, while the *Brooklyn*, with the tremendous range of her guns, *planted a shell in nearly at the distance of three miles*. We were rolling tremendously, and we had to fire as we were rising.

Our starboard 30-pounder was fired, and we watched in the direction of the range. The shell exploded in the fort, and soon down came the rebel flag, the halyards being cut, so that the credit belongs to the *New-London*.

After firing several good shots, the signal was sent up from the flag-ship to cease action. We came about, and as we returned a field-piece battery was opened upon us, but it fell short, though near enough for us to hear and see the shot as it struck about twenty rods from us. We gave them a broadside, and the *Sciota* three 11-inch shells, all of which struck and exploded in the battery, the effect of which must have been tremendous, judging from what we could see through the glass.

We could see the masts of the Harriet Lane near the town, which is situated on a narrow strip of land.

To-night our squadron has been reinforced by two more gunboats, carrying sixteen guns. To-morrow, being Sunday, nothing will be done, but when *the bombardment is renewed it will be terrific*. Galveston is a doomed town. The disgrace attending the capture of the *Harriet Lane* must be wiped out, and the vengeance upon the butchers and captors will be awful.

On Monday we shall attempt to pass the forts at the mouth of the harbor.

FROM THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI.

The Water Running Through the Cut-off at Vicksburgh.

CAIRO, Sunday, Feb. 1.

From Vicksburgh we learn that the water is running through the Cut-off at a depth of from two to four feet. There are no signs yet of the channel's widening.

A considerable force has crossed the bend, and is now encamped opposite Warrenton, in order more ready to communicate with the force below when it arrives.

Guerrillas continue active in the vicinity of Memphis.

A detachment of the Fourth Illinois Cavalry had a skirmish on Tuesday with a squad of rebels.

The Federals lost seven, killed, wounded and captured.

The *Bulletin* says the rebels are advancing on our lines as fast as the condition of the roads will allow, the object evidently being to get possession of the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers.

By an accident on the railroad near Moscow, on Tuesday, four freight cars were precipitated down an embankment fifty feet, and four soldiers killed.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Senatorial Canvass Becoming Animated—The Prohibition.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Sunday, Feb. 1.

The Senatorial canvass is becoming animated, but conducted with perfect good feeling. Gov. MORGAN's chances are still considered best. His vote at the first ballot will be the largest. DICKINSON's will probably be next. The more radical Republicans will vote for him. SPRAGUE and RAYMOND will, also, have some support. The caucus nominee will undoubtedly be elected without Democratic help.

Visit to the Fortifications of New-York Harbor.

Major-Gen. WOOL and Staff have had the revenue steam-cutter *Wheatle* placed at their disposal by Surveyor ARMSTRONG for the purpose of visiting the fortifications and defenses of New-York harbor. The General and Staff will commence this important duty on Tuesday by visiting the forts at the Narrows, and other localities.

Arrival of the Norwegian.

PORTLAND, Sunday, Feb. 1.

The steamship *Norwegian*, Capt. MCMASTERS, arrived at 8:30. She was a day and a half in the ice. She spoke the *Jura*, hence, in the ice, last Wednesday. The *Jura* would clear it easily; spoke the *Hibernian*, hence, at 8 o'clock this morning.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 31.

Arrived—Ship *Ayrshire* from Boston.

EMANCIPATION IN LOUISIANA.

The Effect of the President's Proclamation—Union Blockage in New-Orleans—The Institution of Slavery Extinct.

From Our Own Correspondent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Jan. 19, 1863.

The first of January, 1863, is past, and the President's Proclamation, declaring Slavery abolished in the United States of America, has been given to the world;—it is an accomplished fact; it is history, and what is more, it is an irrevocable decree against human bondage ever again existing under the flag of the Union. It is astonishing to me, when I think of the vast consequences to follow to my own country and to the world, that a document so wonderful in its character could *be issued without some attending miracle—some* strange yet cheering natural phenomenon. So important, indeed, do I deem this proclamation of Mr. LINCOLN, that I consider it surpassed in the magnitude of its humanity only by the inspiration of the Sermon on the Mount, and it will, in my opinion, for all time be pointed at as an instrument the most wonderful in consequence and benign in influence that was ever given to the world by human agency. It was proper and right that the first enthusiastic and practical recognition of this proclamation should come from Louisiana. This State, swindled out of its allegiance to the Union against the wishes of its people, sacrificed by one of the most unprincipled sets of politicians that ever disgraced humanity, is the first to spring forward to greet the only remedy that will enable its oppressed people to once more take their place among the honored and prosperous sons of this great Government.

Last Saturday, Jan. 17, be long remembered as the day when the people of New-Orleans came together and acted officially upon the Emancipation Proclamation of the President. Let it be remembered that on the day alluded to, the St. Charles Theatre, the largest building in the City of New-Orleans was crowded with old citizens, with people who had been life-long slaveholders—mostly natives of the *late* Slave States—the speakers without an exception having been born south of Mason and Dixon's line, a distinction now politically without meaning. An audience composed of such people, and addressed by such speakers, without a dissenting voice, and with vociferous cheers, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we are prepared to sustain the Government of the Union in all measures adopted for the suppression of the rebellion, and that we fully approve of the war measure set out in the Proclamation of the President, of Jan. 1, 1863, as one called for by the exigencies of the contest, constituting it once an act of justice to one class, and inflicting at the same time on another class persisting in rebellion, the blow best calculated to reduce them to obedience to the laws.

If anything can take place that will shame the Secessionists of the Free States into decency and patriotism, this resolution, and the circumstances under which it was heralded to the world, should do it.

It has been suggested at the North that the Proclamation is like the Pope's bull against the comet, that it is inoperative, that the advance of our armies southward accomplished actually and legitimately all that the Proclamation proposes—but this is not the case. The freedom of slaves by coming within our lines was an accident, that gave but temporary, or, at most, imperfect freedom. No one will deny that if the rebellious States had come into the Union before the 1st of January, that the old state of things would have been gradually reestablished. The slaves nominally free within our lines, abandoned of the protection of our National troops, must have been in the nature of things absorbed in the mass of slaves that had remained on the plantations, independent of, and without interference by the presence of the National troops. By the Emancipation Proclamation of the President, Slavery is everywhere abolished—the institution is legally extinct—the title is defective, and cannot be made good. To such an extent is this the case, the acknowledgment of the independence of the Confederate States today would not restore the negro to slavery, for the still acknowledged supreme law of the land has declared that such an institution does not exist—and JEFF. DAVIS and his fellow rebels would not, with all their turpitude, dare, in face of the world, having received their nationality without slaves, again enslave any part of their citizens, as such would be the legal and moral effect of the act, if they dared to defend and practice the institution, under the impossible supposition that they obtained an acknowledged independent existence. One thing is certain, and I say it for the shame of the Northern disunionists, for there are really no bitter opponents to Mr. LINCOLN'S Proclamation except in the Free States—I repeat, I say it for the shame of Northern disunionists, that I have not in New-Orleans heard one objection made to the Proclamation—it is accepted here as a thing invited by the rebellion, and will be acquiesced in by the Union men of the South, as the only way to get out of present difficulties, and secure peace in the future. More of this anon.

Colonization of Florida.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In a recent issue of your paper, I noticed the proceedings of a meeting at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, called for the purpose of aiding the colonization project.

The speeches of Hon. ELI THAYER and of Judge FRASER were clear expositions of the feasibility of the plan, yet the perfect adaptation of that portion of Florida between St. John's River and the Atlantic Coast to the proposed scheme cannot be too often or too earnestly urged. A system of paid labor, white or black, inaugurated in the region named, will revolutionize the entire State. That which is the most profitable, most, from the nature of men, receive favorable consideration. Our pockets are near our vitals. If, with free-labor implements and usages—with a knowledge of the constituent elements of soil—of the needed fertilizers and manures—of the experience of practical agriculturists—if with these advantages the Florida farmer makes his land more productive, increases his profit three-fold, enhances the value of his property, and all at less cost than that at which a bare living was obtained under the old regime if half-performed compulsory labor, that man will not fail to follow the lead of Northern thrift and industry.

The results thus far secured among the Sea Islands of Georgia and South Carolina are as follows: The introduction of Northern implements and practices, vice the clumsy tools and barbarism of Slavery; well-stocked libraries, where, before, an agricultural treatise was unknown; content and happiness among the laborers, in lieu of the inhumanities and distress produced by the old system.

The colonization of Florida will, in addition to the political changes named, uplift and emancipate the poor whites, of which there are hundreds in the region alluded to. It will elevate and dignify labor, and an endeavor to coöperate in this great work, is a noble and laudable ambition.

By all means let a public meeting be called, and let the advantages to be secured to the Nation by the successful execution of this project be fully known.

A. C. WINTER.

BROOKLYN, 29th January, 1863.

The Wounded and Sick at Washington—An Appeal.

The German Relief Association for Sick and Wounded Union Soldiers, at Washington, D. C., will hold a Fair on the 15th of February.

The City of Washington, from its position, receives the sick and wounded of the war from all parts, and in very disproportionate numbers. It is clearly beyond the means of one single city to afford to them all that relief which they are entitled to while in hands of the whole country.

The undersigned Committee, therefore, appeal with confidence to the active sympathy of the whole country, and more especially to the ladies, for assistance in the noble work.

Inform our Secretary of the transmission of packages, and address them to Mrs. Gen. SCHURZ, No. 411 Thirteenth-street.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January, 1863.

Mrs. MARG. SCHURZ,
Mrs. SOPHIE SCHIMMELPFENNIG,
Mrs. MARG. BALBACH,
REINHOLD SOLGER,
FRED. SCHMIDT,
ADOLF CLUSS, Secretary. (Box No. 214.)

NEW NOVELS.

So many novels have been published of late, that they deserve a chapter for themselves, from which all mention of soberer books shall be rigorously excluded. Hitherto the law of compensation has been faithfully observed by our publishers; one day a religious book would make its appearance and the next day a secular one; now a book of hymns and anon a choice selection from the melodies of the negro minstrels; so the balance was kept even. They have changed all that. Sober works are no longer in demand. It is a day of sensational. The popular taste clamors for a Wilkie Collins, a Sylvanus Cobb, or a Bishop Colenso. Anything will answer, so it lifts the mind out from the dull and unpleasant light of surrounding realities into the golden mists of fiction, or deadens the senses by the wild throbbings of the higher excitement it evokes, to the sad, stern voices that on every side call out from the Present. As soon as a novel appears on the other side of the water, if it only answers the exciting or soporific conditions demanded, it is reprinted on this, and in some cases fabulous sums are paid—or said to be paid—for the advance proof-sheets of the work.

Next to Bishop COLENSO, WILKIE COLLINS is the favorite refuge of the Period. His last novel, *No Name*, is published by the HARPERS. Here is an instance of what a man can do in literature, if he only have some imagination, a fair amount of talent, and a noble disregard for "the unities;" and we shall cite other eminent instances of similar achievements presently.

Were there no laws there would be fewer novels. This fact may be accepted as one of the plagues entailed upon humanity by the legal profession. It is upon the English law which bastardizes children born out of wedlock, though the parents may subsequently marry, that WILKIE COLLINS' story turns. By a singular concatenation of events, two young ladies, (reared in the lap of luxury, to use a new and original phrase,) who never had any cause to doubt their legitimacy, or their rightful succession to an equal division of their father's fortune, find themselves, on their parents' death, adrift on the world and penniless, in addition to the smaller misfortune of having not a name to their backs. A selfish uncle and a codfish cousin succeed to the estate. The elder of the girls accepts the situation resignedly, and goes out as governess; the younger, who has previously, in private theatricals, manifested an intensely dramatic turn of mind, asks strange questions, and gives mysterious nods and winks, and intimations, whenever the subject of the property is mentioned, which indicate an intention of righting herself and gaining possession of the inheritance by fool means if fair ones fail. To acquire a little capital to start her stock scheme of revenge with, she gives a series of dramatic readings and representations, wherein she personates a dozen different characters in as many different minutes. To this wonderful protean power on her part, the reader is led up from the opening of the story. To uncle and cousin, in turn, she writes letters demanding what she considers her rights—letters which are totally disregarded. She has an enemy at court, in the person of a housekeeper, who is both good-looking and shrewd, and has private interests of her own to serve. Then she makes a reconnoissance of her cousin, the premises, and the strategic positions, in force, disguised as a north country schoolmistress. The result of these preliminary investigations is a change of base. In company with an expert villain, to whom a touch of nature and some distant family connection make her kin, she then deploys as a skirmisher in the region of her cousin's home and heart, and lays siege to both in regular order. It must be borne in mind, all the while, that she hates her cousin with her whole heart and strength, and that her marriage with him will not, in the ordinary sense of Joe Gargery's phrase, "lead to larks." She succeeds; and here is almost the only natural thing in all WILKIE COLLINS' book, for it must be admitted that when once a woman sets out with the determination of marrying a man, she invariably does, though the converse of the proposition is by no means true. In the meanwhile, however, as much strategy and maneuvering has been going on between her pretended uncle, (the villain previously mentioned,) and the handsome, shrewd housekeeper, as it is fair to infer might have occurred had it been laid down in the world's programme that NAPOLEON I. and FREDERICK II. should be pitted against each other. As might naturally be expected, when the cousin discovers that he has met with a masked battery, there is a fearful concussion. But not there does the story nor the battle terminate. It is like the Maryland campaign—Antietam does not end it; the dead and wounded are coolly swept away, and new combinations begin. Singularly enough the finale is as calm and peaceful as a June evening, as holy and sweet as the ending of a psalm-tune. This Stonewall Jackson of a heroine finds that the course of strategy, like that of true love, does not run smooth; repents of her dramatic days and wicked ways, and marries an honest sea-captain. With this sentence the book ends; "He stooped and kissed her."

He should have stooped and kissed her before.

It will be seen, from the hasty and necessarily somewhat imperfect sketch we have given, that there is ample scope afforded for the play of a pen whose tip is touched with blue fire and all sorts of artificial lights. WILKIE COLLINS avails himself of it, and stops at nothing. No situation is too improbable, no grouping too unnatural to daunt him. All he intends to do is to astonish the reader. He succeeds. We wonder how he can move so much machinery, how he can avoid getting lost in some of his own marvelous complications. In the constant shock of character on character, we look around to see what has become of the author. Lost, ourselves, we look around in nervous apprehension that everything and every one else has gone by the board. But no! There he sits, coolly and calmly as a queen-witch in a thunder-storm, mixing his sulphur and chemicals, and brewing confusion of the elements generally. Admiration for his ingenuity overpowers all criticism, and we close the book with the inward exclamation—What a capital manager the author would make for the Old Bowery.

—When MACAULAY'S calm and contemplative New-Zealander, sitting on a crumbling arch of London Bridge, shall turn from the ruins of St. Paul's to muse on the morals and manners of the then moldering metropolis, it is very probable that he will write down on the birch bark leaves of his note-book that the women of the past period of England's glory, moving in the upper circles of fashionable life, were in the habit of systematically deceiving their husbands and lovers on all possible and impossible occasions, and that the men were fools, lending willing assistance, and self-sacrificingly pulling the wool over their own eyes. At least it is something very like this he will be apt to write if, in the course of any of his archæological investigations, he happens to stumble over one of the broken shelves of MUDIE'S Circulating Library.

It cannot safely be asserted in this day that all women are false and all men fools, but this is certainly the conclusion our New-Zealand friend will arrive at, if he chances to peruse the novels of the present epoch.

Glimmerings of this light will illumine his savage sunburnt countenance, if he picks up any novel that has been published within the past ten years; and this twilight will expand and broaden into the perfect and positive day of conviction, if he happen to read—allowing that in that millennium, he now uncivilized tongue shall have become familiarly and fluently acquainted with the mysteries and beauties of the English language—Miss BRADDON'S *Lady Audley's Secret*.

If the uncivilized mind of the then old New-Zealander is not slightly astonished at what he finds therein, he is more imperturbable by far than the civilized critic of the present day.

He will be told that a fair, innocent, blue-eyed lass, having married a Captain of the Heavy Dragoons, and having been left by him to a rather uncomfortable manner, poisoned herself off on a handsome middle-aged English Baronet—a widower at that—as a maiden, and married him. This, too, after she had borne an heir to the Heavy Dragoon Captaincy.

It is only justice to the lady to state that not having heard from her husband—the first one, the heavy dragoon—since his departure for Australia, she considered him dead. In the course of events, however, intelligence comes to her. He is not dead, but mineth. And upon the miner returns, making wild inquiries for the wife and child that were legitimately his when he left England. Here was a mine beneath a matron's feet. It might have puzzled a strong-minded woman, with black hair and eyebrows, but not our little blonde with her golden curls and delicate organization.

As a Frenchman might say: She was equal to the situation.

She buried another woman instead of herself, and induced the London *Times*—a journal always willing to lend itself to innocent deceptions—to publish the death of the Heavy Dragoon wife.

Of course the husband was frantic—as all Heavy Dragoons are when they lose their wives—and discussed the comparative merits of pistol, poison and rope in his mind for a reasonable length of time, choosing, finally, neither and none. In the language of the stage—

"He lived for his boy."

But he had a friend—as he has not—and this friend was a nephew of my lady's other husband. Together they go down shooting to the country, to my lady's immediate vicinage, but the lady plans that no meeting shall occur, and Providence connives kindly at the scheme. But finally they do meet. The inconvenient husband of the first part is precipitated, *sans ceremonie*, down the slimy mouth of a convenient well, and none know his whereabouts. The nephew is suspicious and makes search. After a reasonable length of time, he unravels the mystery, and finds out that the truth in this case—for a miracle—lies where the proverb says it may always be found.

A trace of insanity is discovered in my lady's family—dating some generations back—so that the conviction is left in the reader's mind that she is really not quite so bad as she might be. The physician who examines her thinks she is at least dangerous, if not mad, and after this very sensible conclusion is arrived at, a private asylum opens its tomb-like jaws, our little tigress, with light blue eyes and sunny curls, suffers herself to be led to it as quietly as a lamb to the slaughter, and nothing more is heard of her until a hearse bears her thence to that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns.

The first husband turns up a second time, covered with green mud and small well shell-fish, makes no attempt to again approach his wife, but sails again for Australia, that happy land of gold, where he has neither wife nor wells to dread. Singularly enough, after all this cheerful experience, he does not immediately marry again when at liberty to do so, though it is hinted that he may at some future day. But everyone else in the story shuffles off the unwedded coil and lives happily, so that all moral purposes are admirably subserved.

Of course there is a great deal of by-play, which is all very well managed, barring the inconsistencies and improbabilities which mingle the pabulum of narrative more plentifully than strawberries do a New-England field. If the reader can only swallow these, his task is done. It is very often complained that the title of a work gives no indication of its contents. Surely the same complaint cannot be made in this case—the fact of having one husband and one child more than the law allows to a woman in this monogamous country, certainly entitles the book to be called "Lady Audley's Secret." It was a nice little secret, and the fiction goes to show that she kept it remarkably well.

Paper versus Gold.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Allow me, Mr. Editor, to offer a few plain and practical remarks on the all-absorbing subject of our finances, especially in regard to our present depreciated currency, and with a view of suggesting a remedy.

I assume, without debate, three premises which I hold to be incontrovertible:

First—That gold and silver are only in a very insignificant degree the *representatives* of the wealth of a country; and that if the precious metals were forever banished from the country, it would suffer but a very small substitution of its real and substantial wealth.

Second—That the precious metals are principally useful as a *measure* or standard of value, and only measurably so as a medium of circulation and transfer—except in capital to foreign nations; and the popular idea that they are the chief representatives of wealth and the sole basis of paper money is an error.

Third—That in all large mercantile transactions the so-called paper representative of gold has a constant tendency to displace it, as being not only more convenient, but also more safe.

If the above premises are correct, it necessarily follows that so long as a well-grounded confidence prevails in the public mind that paper money is good for the wealth or *value* which it represents, all the gold in the country might be withdrawn without loss or even embarrassment to its domestic transactions. But inasmuch as a certain amount of gold is indispensably necessary for *foreign* transactions, any deficiency in the article is soon discovered, and then gold becomes an article of merchandise, bearing a premium corresponding to its demand and supply. Inasmuch also as the popular belief remains fixed that the precious metals are the chief representatives of wealth and the sole bases of paper money, it follows that just as soon as there appears a deficiency of gold or a relative excess of paper money, the latter is immediately and unjustly depreciated as a representative of wealth. If at such a time a perfectly solvent bank should be suddenly called upon to redeem all its paper with *specie* it would be bankrupt. So also would the wealthiest and most prosperous merchant of New-York become bankrupt if required to pay off suddenly in bank notes all his debts, and discharge all his liabilities in [illegible] which, [illegible] arises from the circumstance that, [illegible] so long as it portrays that the paper representative of wealth exceeds in any great degree the amount of gold, there immediately spring up thousands of hitherto hoards, withdraw the balance of the precious metals from circulation, and thus realizing the fears which ignorance had engendered.

At the commencement of this war, gold was a drug in the market, but as soon as the extraordinary war expenditures of the Government necessitated a corresponding increase of the circulating medium, and when, in obedience to this necessity, the requisite amount of Government currency had been superadded to the ordinary bank issues, then all this gold suddenly disappeared. I think I am warranted in saying that not over one-fourth of it has permanently left the country. Should three-fourths of the green backs now in circulation be withdrawn this gold would immediately reappear, and Government currency in its turn would carry a premium.

It is from the operation of these causes that our Government, with unrestricted and unexhausted powers of taxation, is nevertheless on the verge of bankruptcy—and that our people, with ample resources, able and willing to pay all taxes necessary to carry on this war, are harassed and oppressed with a depreciated currency—while at the same time coin of gold and silver is lying idle, buried out of sight, or else perverted from its legitimate use and used as merchandise.

The cause of the evil seems to me to suggest a remedy which is within the reach of the Government. Let the Government henceforth make all its contracts of $1,000 and over payable in special contract bonds of suitable denominations, bearing interest and convertible, and then let it collect all duties on foreign goods in gold and silver. Our effect of this plan would be, to change for the better the place and character of contractors; but without entering at present into any argument on the merits of this suggestion, I submit it to the hope it may elicit the opinion of yourself and others. HALIFAX.

NEW-HAVEN, Jan. 28.

PERSONAL.

—The Washington *Republican* says: "It may not be known that Mrs. Lincoln has contributed more than any lady at Washington, from her private purse, to alleviate the sufferings of our wounded soldiers; and it is but just to add that day by day her carriage is seen in front of the hospitals, where she distributes with her own hands delicacies prepared in the kitchen of the White House."

—The Supreme Court of Connecticut, now in session, has been doing a large business in the way of granting divorces. The Hartford papers notice no less than a dozen successful applications, based for the most part on charges of desertion, adultery, &c., which were proven to be true.

—The Harrisburgh *Telegraph* denounces the story of T. Jefferson Boyer, regarding Mr. Cameron's attempt at bribery, as an utter falsehood, and demands that he shall be arrested and held to answer for his libelous statements. Gen. Cameron, it is said, will soon publish a counter statement.

—Capt. Drew, of Vermont, who was taken prisoner at the first battle of Bull Run, and confined as a prisoner for a number of months, is expediting upon his experiences in Vermont audiences.

—Mr. Henry V. Silvernail has recovered $9,000 from the Harlem Railroad Company for injuries sustained on the defendant's road in Dec. 1861. The Court also allowed him $300 for costs.

—The wife of the late Lieut.-Col. Gareschè, of Gen. Rosecrans' Staff, arrived in St. Louis on Jan. 23.

—Mrs. Gen. Buell arrived in Cincinnati from Washington, en route to Louisville, on Jan. 24.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Sons of Temperance.

STATISTICAL AND OTHER INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE ORDER, AND OF ITS PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH AMERICA.

The object, for the accomplishing of which the Order of Sons of Temperance was organized, is too well known to the readers of the Tribune to require explanation now. The object in publishing this brief statement is simply to give information of the present condition and prospects of the Order, as may be of interest to all who are friendly to the cause of temperance and humanity, such information having been collated from reports of the Grand Divisions, made to be presented to the National Division. The Order, as is known, is a secret one, but such only to the extent which has been deemed necessary to protect the Divisions from impositions by such as have not entitled themselves to its privileges or its benefits. As at present organized, there are three grades, so to speak, to which members belong, to wit: Subordinate Divisions, which are organized in towns and villages, wherever there are enough total abstinence men to form them; Grand Divisions, composed of members of Subordinate Divisions who have been officers. These Divisions generally represent States, Territories or Provinces—New-York being the only State in which there are two Grand Divisions, one representing Eastern and the other Western New-York; and a National Division, composed of representatives from the Grand Divisions, and the highest authority in the Order.

It is now nearly twenty years since the National Division was organized, and from that time until shortly before the breaking out of the rebellion, the Order went on increasing in numbers and power for doing good, from year to year. In the British Provinces the Order was in high favor, and in a flourishing condition. In the Southern States its growth and usefulness were surprising to Northern men; and in the Eastern, Western and Middle States it was progressing rapidly, doing a great work, not only in adding largely to its own numbers and strength, but in inducing thousands to form other temperance associations, who might have objections to what they considered a "secret society."

That the number of members, and the influence of the Order have been impaired by the rebellion is not to be denied. Like almost every other benevolent organization, it has suffered so far. Of the whole Southern field but little is known. Whether the Sons of Temperance of the South maintain their Divisions, is not sufficiently well known to warrant a definite statement. There is, however, ground for most sanguine apprehensions. To the extent of our information, little dependency in any of the reports. Among the other causes which have resulted in injury to the Order, the Mt. W. P. finds the address, rather disastrous as a failure of members to give a hearty support, to that portion of the Press which has ever shown itself willing to publish acts, news and articles in relation to the success of the temperance cause, and to encourage and thereby aid in the sustenance of a high and sound morality within the sphere of its influence. The failure to be represented in the Press, has left the Order in the field, in, in his opinion, patent to all careful observers in its effects. These matters, however, will probably be better attended to in future. There is already a movement under consideration, which if carried out successfully, cannot result in other than great benefit to the country. There is probably not a Division in the free states that has not a number of members at the war, and it would be proper to multiply such of those members as have considered worthy Sons of Temperance, to form subordinate Divisions in the army, without dues. In another sphere the Order has already succeeded in laying a basis from which the most gratifying results are now springing,—that is, the organization of the children in Sunday and other schools, into Juvenile Temperance Associations, such for instance, as the Band of Hope. The admission of lady visitors to the subordinate Divisions, although opposed for a long time, was finally granted, and the utility of the measure is now fully established. The sentiment of the entire Order is now undoubtedly in favor of employing, to a much greater extent, the influence and coöperation of lady visitors in the working of the subordinate Divisions.

The Divisions in this State, in this City, and in Brooklyn are now hard at work again. The losses by the war seems to have awakened them to the necessity of still more strenuous efforts for the reformation of those who have looked "upon the wine when it is red and giveth its color in the cup," and who have drunk whisky as a beverage, to their own injury and that of their families.

The following statistics are the aggregates, from the reports of the Grand Divisions representing States and parts of States, and British North America, not including any of the States in rebellion against the Government. Could the report from those States have been received, the aggregates (judging from former reports) would have been largely increased. Those represented are the following: East New-York, West New-York, New-Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, Ohio, Delaware, Indiana, Illinois, Rhode Island, Missouri, New-Hampshire, Vermont, Wisconsin, Michigan, California, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, New-Brunswick, Canada West, Canada East.

No. of Divisions in operation	1,449
No. admitted	27,624
No. suspended	5,924
No. expelled	12,209
No. of deaths	1,607
No. who violated the pledge	6,902
No. reinstated	3,036
No. who violated pledge second time	1,118
No. of contributing members	62,132
No. of divisions in which lady visitors are accepted	1,062
No. of lady visitors in the jurisdiction	63,451
Paid for benefits, funerals, &c.	$10,972
Cash on hand, including money invested	$174,308
No. of public meetings held	4,026
No. of temperance tracts distributed	64,720
Total *per capita* to Grand Division	12,908
Total *per capita* to National Division	61,362
No. of representations to National Division	376
No. of boys in Temperance Associations in the jurisdiction	28,346

Opening of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad.

The opening of this new line was inaugurated yesterday, and was a splendid and successful affair.

Cards of invitation were issued for a trial trip from Jersey City to Bergen Point, yesterday morning, by the esteemed and popular President, Hon. D. S. GREGORY, whose perseverance and exertions, in all matters that have for their object the public convenience, cannot be too highly spoken of. The excursionists were requested to be at the depôt of the Company on the South side ferry at 10 o'clock. These arrangements were fully complied with, and the whole party returned, headed by the worthy President, at three o'clock, and repaired to the large and commodious hotel of TATLER THOMPSON, where a splendid dinner awaited them. The bill of fare was of a very recherché nature, and was carried out to the letter.

THE DINNER.

Dishes were laid for 150 guests of the Company, and the tables in the large dining hall literally groaned with the good things which were heaped upon them.

Hon. D. S. GREGORY presided, and on his right sat Hon. Mayor ROSEA. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, the Chairman gave as the first toast:

The Union, one and inseparable, now and forever." Drank standing, with applause.

The Chairman again rose, and after a lengthened and beautiful introduction to the next toast, referred to the great improvements of the age, and particularly the system of railroads, especially the local line which had been opened and inaugurated that day. (Applause.) He reminded when New-York could not raise $500,000, and Jersey City not more than $300. Now look at the great change. He concluded by giving:

"The Corporation of Jersey City." (Applause.)

Hon. Mayor ROSEA being enthusiastically cheered rose to respond. He said:

Untrained in the exercise of public speaking, I can do no more in a reply to the sentiment you have adopted than express my congratulations at the success of the public-spirited energy which you greet this day. (Applause.) I join my voice with yours that the dark clouds which encompass our national sky may be dispelled, by the efforts of victorious arms. [Renewed applause.] When peace shall resume her sway throughout our wide domain, and the harsh notes of war give place to the enlivenments of successful industry, and that our country purified by the fiery trials through which she has passed, may start anew upon her career of improvement, joining together its people by the firm bonds of concord, and fulfilling to the uttermost extent the hopes and happiness of all mankind; may we be equal to our advantages, and faithful to the memories of the great founders of American liberties. [Applause.]

Mayor ROSEA then gave the following toast:

"Railroads, civilization and their progress, with Hudson County always foremost in the field." [Applause.]

The next toast was:

"The inhabitants of the township of Bergen."

To which EDGAR B. WAKEMAN, Esq., responded.

The next toast was:

"Prosperity to the enterprise of this day which we now inaugurate, and may it build up a commerce and a population commensurate and worthy of the State of New-Jersey." Drank with great applause.

ISAAC SOUDER, Esq., District Attorney, responded in a neat, pithy and humorous speech, which kept the company in bursts of laughter. Mr. SOUDER concluded by giving the health of

"Messrs. PECK and Lord, of Philadelphia, the locomotive engine constructors." (Drank with applause.)

O. COLMAN responded on behalf of the firm, in a practical speech, during which he gave a very clear and plain description of the making of the locomotive, and which was listened to with great satisfaction.

After other toasts and sentiments were given and responded to, the company separated about six o'clock.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CARS USED.

The steam passenger cars now running on the Jersey City and Bergen Point Railroad are of Messrs. Gauze & Lowe's patent. These cars are in length of body 30 feet; width, 7 feet 9 inches; total length of car, including platforms, 39 feet 9 inches. The engines and boilers are located on the front platform, and occupy 4 feet in length, leaving room for seat behind, of 5 feet 6 inches, and the entire space occupied for engines and boilers is less than two-thirds the size of the platform. These cars have two 8½ inch cylinders, and 16 inch stroke, and the motion is transmitted to the driving wheels by means of gearing, and are capable of exerting 15 to 18 horse-power. The engines are neatly and nicely arranged, and so as to keep the platform as free as possible. The engines being on one side and the boiler on the other, gives ample room for the engineer, and he has also the advantage of having all the machinery in view and under his control, so much so that he is not obliged to move from his proper position to touch any part of the machinery, or reach his coal, (anthracite is used for fuel.) He has a clear and unobstructed view ahead, and all is inclosed, so that from outside no part of the machinery is visible. These cars are built for the purpose of ascending grades 200 feet to the mile, with another car attached, carrying in all 70 passengers, which they have done. They move with perfect ease, and are under full control; running at six mile speed they can be brought to stand still in half their length, and are so arranged as to make no noise from exhaust steam, and make no smoke. They are fitted with an ingeniously devised truck, whereby they are enabled to turn the shortest street curves with less friction than the horse cars, although their wheels are 13 feet apart. We are informed that Messrs. Gauze & Lowe are introducing their cars on the Philadelphia roads. They have also built longer cars, which are now running on branches of the Camden and Amboy Railroad. The cost per diem for running is less than two-thirds of the cost of horse cars, and the speed and ease is but a trifle in comparison therewith. We also noticed these cars are heated by means of steam through pipes, which are laid in the floor, covered over with matting. This we consider a great desideratum. We are informed that Messrs. Gauze & Lowe have built city passenger cars on the same principle of those in which we rode, that have ascending grades of 320 feet to the mile, with 50 passengers. The water is carried in tanks under the seats in the car, and have coal and water space sufficient to run 15 miles. These cars are capable of attaining a speed of 25 miles per hour. Their larger cars have made 28 miles per hour.

The New-York Evening Law Class.

At a meeting of the members of the New-York Evening Law Class, held at their class-room on Thursday evening, Jan. 22, for the purpose of expressing their sense of the advantages derived by them from the course of instruction adopted by Prof. M. A. KING, (late Professor of Pleadings, Evidence and Practice and Criminal and Equity Jurisprudence at the Ohio Union Law College,) the following, among other resolutions, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the course of instruction adopted by the Professor, viz.: Of going through Greenleaf on Evidence, Chitty's Pleadings, Story's Equity, illustrated by numerous practical exercises and arguments, and a knowledge of the law, concluding with the code, together with his elaborate illustrations and practical illustrations of the various points brought before us, gives the whole class a practical facility, not only in the application of the most intricate points of law, but also in the whole course of practice.

Resolved, That the trials of issues of law and fact in the "Moot Court," (which branch of our studies we owe to the moot cases,) conducted by him, in connection with the regular exercises of the Moot Court, while they practically familiarize us with the principles of the law of evidence and pleading, have tended to us a care and confidence in the examination and cross-examination of witnesses and in addressing a Court, to an extent to be acquired only through practice, and also the effect of making us pleasant practitioners.

Resolved, That we most heartily and unanimously recommend all those who are about to apply to the Committee for admission to practice, to join the "Evening Law Class" knowing that the course of instruction is admirably adapted to prepare one for the examination to which he must submit.

CHARLES S. BENNARD, President, No. 102 Broadway.
GEO. W. FEARNALL, Secretary, No. 3 Tryon-row.

Work of the City Marshal During 1862.

The following is a statement of the business transacted by the Mayor's Marshal, Mr. ADAM BROWN, and his assistants, during 1862:

Licenses and Renewals of Same	Number.	Rates.	Am'n Rec'd.
Boarding-houses	45	$10 00	$450 00
Express wagons	311	3 00	933 00
Renewals	259	1 00	259 00
Porters of ind. trains, &c.	155	5 00	775 00
Renewals	146	1 00	146 00
Public carts	1,114	2 00	2,228 00
Renewals	1,124	1 00	1,124 00
Chemical engines	40	5 00	200 00
Renewals	140	50	70 00
Wooden-ware peddlers	3	2 00	6 00
Renewals	3	1 00	3 00
Tea and powder	31	2 00	62 00
Renewals	16	1 00	16 00
Binding-wood	201	2 00	402 00
Renewals	42	50	21 00
Porters	40	1 00	40 00
Renewals	155	50	77 50
Carters	473	1 00	473 00
Renewals	479	50	239 50
Dirt-carts	218	5 00	1,090 00
Renewals	195	25	48 75
Fines for violation of ordinances	882	——	882 00
Surplus—Sept. 31, Oct. 31	—	——	2 00
Two-horse cars, Sixth-avenue Railroad Company	44	50 00	2,200 00
One-horse cars, Sixth-avenue Railroad Company	27	25 00	675 00
Two-horse cars, Eighth-avenue Railroad Company	50	50 00	2,500 00
One-horse cars, Eighth-avenue Railroad Company	50	25 00	950 00
Ninth-avenue Railroad Company, (license fee per car limited by the charter to $20)	34	20 00	680 00
Total receipts for the year			$18,274 50
Total receipts for the year 1861			16,496 50
Increase in 1862			$1,788 00

During the year, 2,607 complaints were heard, which were disposed of by fines, revocations of license, reprimanding, &c. The Second, Third and Fourth avenue Railroad Companies refuse to pay license fees on their cars, and the question of their obligation to pay such fees is now being tried in the Courts. The test is being made on the Third-avenue Company. They and the Second-avenue Company have never paid any license fees for their cars. The Fourth-avenue (or Harlem) Company, paid the fees for one or two years, several years ago, and then refused to pay them any longer. These Corporations take the ground that their charters are grants, providing, both from all taxation not expressed in them.

It should be added that, besides the much embarrassed in the foregoing synopsis, the Marshal and his officers performed a very considerable amount of good in rescuing the wrongs of abused servant girls and seamstresses whom swindling employers sought to defraud of their hard-earned fortunes. Indeed, the consideration of cases of this character forms the chief part of the multifarious duties devolved upon these officials.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

NEW TELEGRAPH ENTERPRISE.—The Independent Telegraph Company having completed the extension of their line to Philadelphia, have laid across the North River a large and substantial cable—probably the largest and best cable ever made in the United States. It is composed of four conductors of No. 14 copper wire, each one coated with gutta percha—three coatings—3-16 inches in diameter outside, and each strand wound with fine jute, well tarred. The four conductors thus prepared are then laid up into a rope, with lateral strands of hemp between each, and the whole wound with two-thread Manila yarn, and well tarred; over this is placed 36 No. 9 galvanized iron wires, and then bound around with No. 9 galvanized wire, thus forming a complete shield for the core. The weight is about seven tons per mile; length one mile. This cable was manufactured by the Bishop Gutta Percha Company, of this City, and was laid by Col. SPEAR, President of the Line, assisted by Mr. MARSH, the inventor of the Gutta Percha Works. The line will be in working condition to Philadelphia in a few days.

LECTURES ON HEALTH TO LADIES.—Mrs. M. A. Dixie Jones, M. D., will give a course of five lectures on "Physiology and the Laws of Health," especially dwelling upon the diseases of women and children, commencing to-day, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the lecture-room of the Twenty-seventh-street Methodist Episcopal Church, near Third-avenue. The first lecture will be free. Subsequent lectures, on the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th of February, will be given at the same place, and same hour. The subjects will be illustrated by skeleton, manikin, cases, &c. Mrs. Jones is a regular graduate, an experienced teacher, and a pleasing speaker. Ladies cannot better improve their time than in heeding her advice.

NEW HEADQUARTERS.—Brig.-Gen. DANIEL ULLMAN'S headquarters are at No. 200 Broadway. Applications for commissions are pouring in upon him from all directions. His chief difficulty is that of selection.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

INAUGURATION OF A NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.—The new Hall of the Father Matthew Total Abstinence Benefit Society, located in Fulton-street, corner of Pineapple, was inaugurated yesterday with appropriate ceremonies. The building was formerly used as a concert saloon and gymnasium. It has recently been rearranged and fitted up for the above Association, and is now one of the finest and most capacious halls in the city. Societies Nos. 1 and 2 of Brooklyn, and No. 1 of New-York, assembled about five o'clock P.M., and, preceded by two bands of music, marched through Fulton-street, Court-street, Atlantic-street, Fulton-avenue, Bridge-street, Hoyt-street, Little-street, John-street, York and Main streets, back to the Hall. The members all appeared in full regalia, and presented a very good appearance. The procession numbered about 300 men. After returning to the Hall the Societies were dismissed.

ASSAULT ON BOARD OF A FERRY-BOAT.—NATHAN BLAND, a colored man, was arraigned before Justice PERRY, on Saturday, on the charge of assault upon WILLIAM FURSH, a cloth hand on one of the Fulton Ferry-boats, and causing considerable disturbance. BLAND desired to take a seat in the ladies' cabin, and F

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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, FEB. 2, 1863.

Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Martha.

WINTER GARDEN—The Advocate's Last Cause.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—The Loan of a Lover—The Invincibles.

WALLACK'S—School for Scandal.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Miss Lavinia Warren, the Queen of Beauty, Com. Nutt, &c., at all hours—Teresa's Vow; or, The Cross of Gold, afternoon and evening.

IRVING HALL—Philharmonic Society.

NIBLO'S GARDEN—Lear, the Forsaken.

BROADWAY MENAGERIE—Complete School of Natural History.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—(No. 659 Broadway) Buckley's Serenaders.

NEW HALL OF ART, No. 562 Broadway—Banvard's Panorama of the Mississippi and the War.

THE NEW-YORK TIMES.

The price of the New-York Times (Daily) hereafter will be Three Cents, except of the Sunday morning edition, which will be Four Cents.

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One copy one year	$3 00
Two copies one year	5 00
Five copies one year	12 00

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One copy one year	$2 00
Three copies one year	5 00
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Twenty copies one year	25 00

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We learn from Washington that full and satisfactory explanations have passed between the French Minister and the State Department regarding the recent alleged efforts "to induce M. Mercier to depart from a just and friendly course of proceeding respecting our National affairs." It is also said that conversations have been held with the Spanish Minister relative to the recent naval occurrences at Havana.

Passengers by the steamer *Columbia*, from New-Orleans and Havana, which arrived at this port yesterday, bring the important intelligence that the rebel craft *Oreto* had probably been sunk by our gunboats, about sixty miles from Havana. The report was generally believed at Havana, and the Captain of the steamer *Creole*, from New-York, which arrived at Havana half an hour prior to the sailing of the *Columbia*, confirmed the report, by a statement that he had been hailed by the gunboat *Cayuga*, and was told by her commanding officer that the *Oreto* had been sunk.

We have a rebel report from Charleston, S. C., that one of our gunboats—the *J. P. Smith*, carrying eleven guns and 220 men—was captured by rebel forces, on the afternoon of the 30th ult., in Stono River, after a sharp engagement, in which we suffered a heavy loss, while the rebels had but one man wounded. Another gunboat was badly crippled, but succeeded in escaping. The story as told looks very improbable.

We have advices by the *Columbia*, from New-Orleans, to the 25th ult. The news is not very important. Gen. Banks had been to Baton Rouge to visit the portion of his command there, in consequence, it was thought, of reports that the rebels intended an attack upon the place. There would appear to be little danger of this, however, as our troops were very strong in their position, and consisted in part of the veterans who fought and whipped Breckinridge there once before. Gen. Weitzel, commanding in the Lafourche District, had returned with his troops to Thibodeauxville, and was expected soon to proceed up the river, to participate in the attack upon Fort Hudson, the preparations for which were in active progress. Several important changes had taken place among the officials in New-Orleans. Brig-Gen. Bowen, late Police Commissioner in this City, had been appointed Provost-Marshal General of the Department, in place of Col Clark; and Col. Dwinnet had relieved Col. French as Provost-Marshal of Louisiana. There was nothing new from Texas.

A letter to the Navy Department, from on board the gunboat *New-London* at Galveston, gives us information from that place to Jan. 10. On that day the *Brooklyn* and the other vessels of the fleet had bombarded the rebels on shore, and driven them out of their batteries. The attack was to be renewed on the 12th, (Monday.) It was known that the *Harriet Lane* had not escaped from the harbor, as her masts could be seen over the town.

We learn from General Dix's Department that the rebels under General Pryor advanced across the Blackwater on Friday, and made a demonstration with artillery on Gen. Peck's advanced Brigades. Our forces were immediately disposed to meet them, and advancing, drove Pryor back again across the Blackwater, in the direction of Franklin. The fighting appears to have been quite brisk, and resulted in a loss to us of some 104 men killed and wounded. The rebel loss is not known, but some prisoners were captured. Gen. Corcoran had command of our forces.

The *Newark Advertiser* has learned through a private letter from a gentleman on one of our gunboats at Beaufort, N. C., that on the 26th ult. the whole of our fleet, with the exception of one gunboat, had left there for Port Royal. There were collected at Beaufort, at the above date, some sixty large army steam transports, having on board almost seventy thousand soldiers. There were also in the harbor 150 schooners loaded with artillery, ammunition, &c., which, together with the transports, would leave for Port Royal to join the naval fleet as soon as they could get ready. The whole composes the most powerful expedition of the war. What its destination will be remains undeveloped; but the magnitude of the force and preparations point, it is supposed, to Charleston or Savannah.

Our Southern news a day or two ago announced that the rebel regiments under Morgan, stationed on the McMinnville road, about twenty miles out of Murfreesboro, had been driven back by our forces. It now appears that seven rebel regiments were stationed at Woodbury on an occasion, and that an attempt was made to surprise them by Palmer's Division of Crittenden's Corps. The rebels, however, scented the movement, and by the time our forces were fall upon them they were in a promiscuous skedaddle, though they showed a little fight, wounding seven and killing two of the Forty-first Ohio, and wounding two of the Ninth Indiana. We killed their Colonel commanding and 34 others, and took 100 prisoners.

A telegram from Washington informs us that Gen. Butler and Col. Hamilton, of Texas, were in consultation, Saturday, with the Executive authorities.

Another dash was recently made into Van Buren, on the Arkansas River, by a scouting party under command of Lieut.-Col. Steward, consisting of only one hundred and thirty men. A steamer and three hundred prisoners were captured.

The army and gunboats at the Post of Arkansas, after blowing up the fort, filling the rifle-pits and demolishing everything that could be made a means of defence or offence, left there on Thursday and Friday, 22d and 23d ult. The first division, under Gen. Sherman, left first, and McClernand, with the remainder of the forces, followed. All the forces below Memphis, except those under Gen. Gorman, were concentrating for the attack on Vicksburgh, so organized as to insure success.

The rebel officers captured at Arkansas Post, numbering 350, and including Gen. Churchill, ten Colonels, thirty Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors, and one hundred Captains, were sent from St. Louis to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, on Jan. 25, with a military escort. They naturally expressed disgust for Jeff. Davis' threats to keep captured National officers in close confinement.

One of our correspondents with the Army of the Potomac has learned that Gen. Burnside, at the time of his resignation, was offered the command of a new Department, embracing the States of North and South Carolina, and that thirty days' time was granted him in which to decide whether or not to accept the offer. It is understood, however, that he regards the proposition with favor.

Two hundred of the prisoners taken at Murfreesboro, and now at the Gratiot Prison, St. Louis, have informed the Provost-Marshal that they wish to take the oath of allegiance. They are mostly from Kentucky and Tennessee. The Provost-Marshal decided to exact bonds from part of them in addition to the oath, and make them reside in the Free States.

Mr. A. D. Boileau, of the Philadelphia *Evening Journal*, who was arrested and committed to Fort McHenry, at Baltimore, by order of Gen. Schenck, has written a conservative and loyal letter to the General, disavowing his knowledge of any objectionable editorial being in the *Journal* until after its publication, and cordially disapproving said editorial, which referred to Jeff. Davis' and President Lincoln's Messages. He denies any design of injuring the Government; but claims being for the Union and crushing out the rebellion. The letter is said to be dignified and conciliatory in its character, and has had the effect to obtain his release.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, Saturday, the joint resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Commander Worden, was passed. A joint resolution was also reported, tendering thanks to other naval officers, but with an amendment limiting such votes in the future to those who shall command expeditions, or be engaged on some special service. It was passed. The bill to increase the salary of the Chief Clerk of the Paymaster's Department to $2,500 per annum was lost. The resolution requesting the President to transmit to the Senate the orders, &c., regarding the exportation of articles contraband of war to Mexico, for the use of the French, was adopted. The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was passed. The Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill was then considered until the adjournment.

In the House, consideration of the Negro Soldier bill was resumed—the debate running to great length. It is expected that the question on the passage of the bill will be taken to-day.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship *Australasian*, we receive advices from Europe four days later. She left Liverpool on the 17th, and Queenstown on the 18th ultimo. The political news, generally, is not of much importance. Some idea of the intentions and expectations of the Emperor of the French in invading Mexico may be gathered from a letter addressed by him to Gen. Forey, commanding the French forces in Mexico, and just published among other diplomatic correspondence in the "Yellow Book." The purpose of establishing French influence in the heart of America is openly proclaimed. A letter is published from Archbishop Whatelly, of Dublin, to Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, in regard to the Slavery question and British sentiment in general upon America. Mr. Laing, former Chancellor of the Exchequer for India, in a letter to the *Times*, on the cotton supply, says: "Lancashire may be kept on half rations, and saved from absolute starvation during the next two years by Indian Cotton, but effectual and speedy relief can only come from America." The Liverpool Cotton market was comparatively quiet. Breadstuffs were steady, and Provisions dull. The death of Horace Vernet, the French painter, is announced.

The Troy *Whig* says that Messrs. Greenwold, Winslow & Co., of that city, have been awarded a contract for building two additional iron-clads. They are to be larger than any yet built, 380 feet in length.

Mr. Stafford, the inventor of the shell named after himself, has succeeded in driving one of his projectiles entirely through the iron plating, and half-way through the wood of a target representing in every respect a complete section of the British frigate *Warrior*. It exploded in the target, shattering it seriously. Afterward a solid shot was driven entirely through the target, penetrating the earth beyond five or six feet, and all this was accomplished with a smaller charge of powder than is used with any but a Dahlgren gun.

The speculation in Gold Coin and Stocks on Saturday started at higher rates in the morning, but fell back in the afternoon. Gold, 158¾; Exchange, 175; Erie shares, 75 ⅞ cent.

Breadstuffs and Provisions were again quite active and decidedly firmer on Saturday. Hops, metals, tobacco, wool and whisky in brisk request at advanced prices. A fair business was reported in hay, leather, skins, spices, cotton, foreign liquors, fruit and the principal kinds of groceries, at buoyant rates. The freight engagements were moderate, with 550 vessels of all classes in port.

Inquiries Mexicana.—The Emperor of the French, in his letter to Gen. Forey, tells that officer that "There will not be wanting people who will ask you why we go to lavish men and money for the establishment of a regular Government in Mexico." Probably it was for the purpose of getting an answer to this very question that the Mexicans recently lassoed a number of Gen. Forey's officers near Puebla.

The Political Future—Rather Positions and Clearer Issues.

The Northern auxiliaries of Jeff. Davis must soon give up their bush-fighting. It has served them a good turn. They owe to it all their success hitherto. But it could not last. No sort of bushwhacking ever does. People come to understand it, and when it is understood there is an end of it. Counterfeited flags, stolen uniforms, false alarms, decoys, traps, ambuscades, doublings on the track, and all the other means of deception, known to the *political* guerrilla quite as well as to any other, after a while—especially in earnest times like these—lose their effect. There is no alternative, then, but to take a little more courage, and change to regular warfare. This transition is now going on. These rebel allies are gathering fresh boldness every day, and are fast ranging themselves under their true colors in the open field. We may expect straightforward battle from them soon. It will be this political battle, quite as much as any other, that will decide the fate of the Union.

The political controversy has at last come to this supreme and plain issue: *War and Union, or Peace and Separation.* All other issues have dwindled, and are fast disappearing. People have differed about the Emancipation Proclamation, about arbitrary arrests, about the financial policy of the Administration, about the comparative merits of different Generals, and about many other matters, and the rebel sympathizers of the North have done their best to magnify these differences and turn them against the Government. It was the consummate art with which this variance was stimulated, under false professions of devotion to the war and the Union, that was the chief agency in giving the Fall elections their strange results. But their management no longer answers its purpose. Its impelling motive is at last understood; and so, too, is its fatal tendency. All true National men are agreeing to bury these differences, and bend their energies to the one great end of crushing the rebellion. All others are going over outright to an Anti-War position, and acknowledging the leadership of Vallandigham, Cox, and their compeers, who have opposed the war from the outset—who opposed it while McClellan was still Commanding-General, while the Administration was doing its utmost to prevent interference with the slaves, and long before such a thing as arbitrary arrest, in a loyal State, was heard of or thought of. Thus the parties are consolidating. Every man will speedily have to find his place on the one side or the other.

The day of the supreme test of devotion to the country has come. An absolute sacrifice of every extraneous consideration is required. The time has passed for *conditional* loyalty. The man who subordinates his present patriotic duty to this or that favorite object or favorite policy of his own, thereby proves himself a false man, and, at heart, no better than a traitor. The Government, after long deliberation, has fixed its war policy in reference to Slavery. While that policy was under consideration it was a fair subject for public discussion. It was discussed everywhere and thoroughly. In the light of that discussion, as well as of the new developments of the war, the Government settled upon its action. There is not the slightest ground for believing that this action will be reversed, or materially modified. It is no longer an open question. The policy, wise or unwise, is henceforth an inseparable part of the war itself. If there be those who don't like it, it is their duty to acquiesce in it. To stand out against it, in this stage of the matter, is practically equivalent to opposing the war itself. This, in effect, is nothing more or less than making the preservation of the nation *subordinate* to the preservation of Slavery; for it is certain that without further war the rebellion must prevail, and the nation go down.

Of course, acquiescence in the general war *policy* of the Administration need not impose silence as to the practical conduct of the war. Whatever use the Government may choose to make of its war power in relation to Slavery, it is bound, none the less, to take care that the war itself is prosecuted with all possible skill and vigor. If it fails in this, its best friends may consistently rebuke it; nay, their duty is so to do. The more devoted one is to the war, the more faithful ought he to be in protesting against its delays and its blunders. There is all the difference in the world between such anxiety to have the war prosper, and the desire that it should be abandoned; though similar criticisms may often be prompted by both feelings. The rebel sympathizer does all that he can to render the war unpopular, and this makes it all the more the duty of every loyal man to do all that *he* can, both by word and act, to render it successful.

The idea of compromise has been a mockery and a snare from the beginning; but we owe it to the candor of the rebels that it is now better understood. They have always declared that they will never consent to reunion; but at no time with greater emphasis than since the election successes of the opponents of the Administration. They hailed those successes simply as the harbingers of the acknowledgment of their independence. Not a public journal, nor a public man in the Confederacy gave them any other construction. Not one of them, so far as is known here, with whatever antecedents, has ventured to admit either the desirableness or the possibility of taking new guaranties for Slavery, and coming back into the Union. They have all unanimously scouted it—and not only in the most positive, but in the most contemptuous manner. They no longer know the word compromise, and it is high time it should be dropped out of our own political vocabulary. Even if we were abject enough to entertain the question, *War or Compromise?* the chance is denied us. Our only choice is between War and Disruption. Our political contests from this time on to the end must be fought on that ground only. The South, precisely because it made Slavery its supreme consideration, sacrificed the Union. Those in the North, who also make Slavery the first consideration, consistently join in the same parricidal work. It has had to come to that. There is no middle ground.

Here, then, is the real issue. All true public men should mark it, and stand unflinchingly up to it. There should be no discussions among them, no invidious references to the past. Agreeing upon the vital matter of sustaining the war, and with it the present Anti-Slavery war policy, as now the sole means of saving the unity of the nation, they should be united as one man, and hold firm to the end against traitors and the abettors of traitors. They will triumph in the end, as surely as there is a faithful people around them, and a just Heaven above them.

Napoleon's Avowal of the Real Design of the Mexican Invasion.

It has pleased His Majesty the Emperor of the French to publish to the world a letter from his own pen to the commander of the French forces in Mexico, setting forth the reasons of his invasion of that country, and the advantages he expects to gain by it. The Imperial document is most certainly an astonishing one, and was not put forward at this moment, without a design. The Emperor boldly avows his main objects in occupying the soil of Mexico with a military force to be *to limit the territorial expansion of the United States, and to establish in Mexico either a monarchy, or, at all events, a Government which promises some stability.*

The Emperor argues the importance of America to Europe—"for it is she who feeds our manufactories and gives life to our commerce"—he says that "it has now been learned from and experience how precarious is the fate of European industry, which is reduced to seeking its chief raw material in one market alone, to all the vicissitudes of which it must submit;" and with pointed reference to ourselves, he declares: "We (Europe) have an interest in this—that the Republic of the United States be powerful and prosperous, but we have none in this—that she should seize possession of *all the Mexican Gulf, dominate from thence* the Antilles as well as South America, and be the sole dispenser of the products of the New World." Such is the indirect but adroit form in which Louis Napoleon states his primary object in occupying Mexican soil, and establishing an armed force near our frontier.

With regard to Mexico itself, the Emperor is not less explicit. "If," quoth he, "on the other hand, Mexico preserves its independence and maintains the integrity of its territory, if a stable Government is constituted with the assistance of France, we shall have restored to the Latin race on the other side of the ocean its strength and prestige; *we shall have established our beneficent influence in the centre of America;*" therefore, and on this ground, "we boldly plant there our flag, to establish," etc., etc.

So far as these reasons for the invasion relate to Mexico herself, we can have nothing to say at present. That part of the argument it belongs to Mexico to answer. But we should like to inquire of the Emperor—or rather of Gen. Forey, who appears to be authorized to answer the inquiries of "people"—what right or authority he has to impute to our Government the desire to overthrow the independence of Mexico or seize its territory. It is a very grave thing for him to make such charges officially against a friendly Power; and it is especially culpable when he must know they are utterly false. The American Government could have held Mexico when our army occupied it sixteen years ago, and we could have conquered it any day since then. But every year since then the desire of the great body of the American people to interfere with Mexico has grown less, and within the last two years certainly there has been no thought whatever that way. The plea, however, is a convenient one to cover his own ambitious and rapacious designs, which he has at last unfolded to the world.

And if our Government had such designs as the Emperor imputes to it, does he intend to retain permanently in Mexico an army strong enough to prevent their execution? Whether he does or not would make little odds to us, in a national point of view, if he only wait till we attempt to carry out our imputed purpose. But that invading army, and the publication of this amazing letter, really appears to be a menace to this Government. As such, his conduct demands explanation.

Postal Reform—The New Bill.

Postal laws should be changed or tinkered as little and as seldom as possible. If there is anything in which simplicity, uniformity and permanence are required, it is in those business matters in which the great mass of common people have daily transactions. Our postal system, though it is improved, or at least altered, in some of its details, at almost every session of Congress, is greatly deficient in these respects. The main reason of this undoubtedly is, that the matter has been in the hands of men who had no practical or extended acquaintance with the workings of the postage system. A bill, however, has just been introduced into the Senate which covers the whole ground, and which has recommendations far superior to any existing general law upon the subject. The bill was drawn up and introduced by Senator Collamer, who brought to the work his great experience acquired when Postmaster-General, and it is understood that he was aided by the present Postmaster-General and the other experienced functionaries of the Department.

The bill does not alter the law which establishes the rate of postage on domestic letters of half an ounce weight at three cents, but it simplifies that law by making it universal for the United States. It abolishes all charges for *collecting* and *delivering* letters, and instead of the cent now put on such matter, and to provide the means for an ample and frequent delivery of mail matter at the door, and collection of mail matter in all parts of the City, two cents are to be prepaid by stamp on local letters sent by carriers. In other words, the one cent for delivery which the carrier now waits at every door to collect, is transferred to local letters, on which the fee will always be prepaid, enabling him to make two deliveries where now he makes one. It provides that all box-rents and all other receipts and emoluments at a post-office, shall be received and accounted for as a part of the postal revenue. It authorizes the Postmaster-General to make provision for transmitting to their destination unpaid and duly certified letters of soldiers, sailors and marines, as well as all other letters which from accident or neglect appear to have been mailed without prepayment of postage; but all other letters not prepaid shall be charged with double rates of postage to be collected on delivery. Such of these measures as are changes, and particularly that with regard to the transmission of unpaid letters, are all decided improvements upon the existing regulations, and would tend greatly to insure and facilitate the delivery of letters.

The bill contemplates the abolition of the very mixed and annoying rates of postage on printed and miscellaneous matter, and substitutes therefor rates as nearly uniform as possible, by the weight of the article, fixing the standard weight at four ounces for the single rate and for all distances, and an additional rate for each additional four ounces or fraction of it. On regular newspapers it abolishes the old continental currency rates, with its fractions of cents, and substitutes the decimal currency rates. In accordance with the best English and American sentiment on this subject, it does away with the computation of postage by distances, and by small differences of weight. In respect to transient matter, instead of charging by the piece, it charges by the weight. This remnant of the old system, when letters were charged by the number of pieces of paper written on, ought to have been abolished long ago. Few postmasters, hardly any unofficial person, can now remember the complex rates established on printed matter. This bill will have so few rates that any person will readily comprehend and remember them.

Another improvement is provided for by changing the complex commission system for paying postmasters, and substituting salaries ascertained and fixed at the annual average of their pay for four years past under the present system. This plan is also a great simplification of the postal system, and will save much labor.

A third object of the bill is to introduce a more complete and useful carrier system for cities, by putting it on a permanent basis, securing the service of a reliable class of men, and making more frequent deliveries.

These are only a part of the improvements suggested by the bill, but they indicate great progress in the right direction. As the bill was drawn up by thoroughly experienced men, as it greatly simplifies our present complex and cumbrous system, as on the whole its tendency is to reduce expenses while it produces greater public convenience, we trust that the present Congress, after due consideration, will pass it into a law. And we trust that hereafter as few changes as possible will be made in it. For, next in importance to having *good* postal laws, is the importance of having *fixed* ones.

THE NATIONAL BANKING PROJECT.

The Certainty With Which it Will Give us a Sound National Currency.

Washington, D. C., Thursday, Jan. 29, 1863.

NECESSITY FOR A SOUND NATIONAL CURRENCY.

It is the undoubted duty of Congress to see to it that the country has a sound national currency. Such a currency, based on national law, either of gold and silver, or in some other form, is indispensable to national prosperity. Gold and silver, for the purposes of a circulating medium, have entirely disappeared, and, in the language of President Madison, in 1815, until the precious metals shall again become available for all the uses of currency, "it devolves on the wisdom of Congress to provide a substitute which shall equally engage the confidence and accommodate the wants of the citizens throughout the Union." War has again brought upon us the financial condition, under pressure of which, Mr. Madison wrote,—and that has become an imminent necessity which he laid down as a solemn duty. In fulfilling this duty at the present crisis, we are compelled to resort to paper representatives of value, and the question is simply between a purely national currency, a currency issued by State Corporations, or a mixture of both. In other words, Congress has to determine whether the National currency shall take the field exclusively, or whether it will subject the country to the manifold evils growing out of competition between the latter and local currency, about the constitutionality or legality of which there is a decided and radical difference of opinion. It may be maintained, with great confidence, that the two classes of circulation are incompatible, and that the system of local bank paper, while suffered to exist, destroys all hope of a National paper currency, and thus defeats a plain provision of the Constitution. In ordinary times, when the currency was gold and silver, and all the operations of the Government were carried on in these mediums, the banks were, in effect, mere agencies of the people to carry on private transactions. Then it might have been unwise to interfere with local bank circulations. Then Congress could afford to forage, for the time, resort to the power conferred upon it; but in the existing condition of affairs, it has no right to neglect a single resource, and especially one in use of which it only discharged a hitherto suspended obligation.

MR. CHASE'S FREE BANKING SYSTEM.

The well-guarded Free Banking system proposed by Mr. Chase, commends itself in that it promises the needed currency. The central idea of that measure is the establishment of one sound, uniform circulation, of equal value throughout the country, upon the foundation of National credit, combined with private capital. The proposed circulating notes will bear a common impression, be authenticated by a common authority, be redeemable by the private associations issuing them, and secured by pledge of United States stocks. Receivable everywhere for public dues, except customs, they will have an equal value in every part of the Union. They are effectually guarded against depreciation—at least more effectually than any local paper currency. If notes, based entirely upon United States bonds, are not safe, what others can be? We currently now have private circulating notes based on specie; and as the power of the Government (for its preservation and maintenance) over the resources of the whole country is superior to any other, its pecuniary responsibility is greater. If the Government falls, *all* values are destroyed. While the Government stands its resources of taxation are equal to every emergency, illimitable and unquestionable. No State or private securities of any kind, therefore, can be so secure, in the main, as those of the Nation.

The proposed free banking system then, will give us a needed national currency, unequaled to-day in the elements of convenience and security. Its circulating notes, too, will save the loss by broken bank bills, computed at present to be equal to about five per cent. of the entire issue. They will save also the losses now sustained on local currency in the way of exchange, amounting to from one-eighth of one to one and a quarter per cent. on every transaction—equal probably to an average of one per cent. on the entire circulation, which is extracted from the people for the sole benefit of the bankers. Add to these considerations the fact that the demand for United States Bonds as a basis for banking business under the proposed bill, will create a steady market for them, and enable the Government to negotiate loans at favorable terms, and we see that the burdens of war have in a measure been alleviated through a diminution of the rates of interest, or a participation in the profits of circulation, without the least risk of a great money monopoly. The system provides a National Bank, in effect, whose management is directly in the hands of the people themselves.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE CONSOLIDATED.

In addition to all these public advantages there set forth, is a another of no light import—the interest of labor and capital of the banks, and the Government, and the people, as so forcibly stated by Hon. R. J. Walker, would for the first time become inseperably united and consolidated. The people would have acquired a new and direct interest in the support of the Government, because their currency would depend for safety on the maintenance of that Government. Each bank would become a powerful auxiliary for the overthrow of rebellion, and would feel constrained to lend its every exertion to that end. Then, just as the banks are strengthened and their capital and profits are increased, would be funded more and more Treasury notes, and the country would be saved from a redundant and depreciated currency. While Congress abdicates its authority to regulate the currency, leaving to the States the power to provide the circulating medium, it places in the hands of the latter the sinews of war, and clothes them with a power to overthrow the Government. If there were no other reason, this of itself should be ample argument for the prompt substitution of some *National* currency in place of that driven out of circulation by the war. R.

Letter from Hon. Robert J. Walker to Senator Sherman.

Washington, Saturday, Jan. 31, 1863.

The following letter was to-day written by Hon. R. J. Walker to Senator Sherman, as a member of the Finance Committee of the Senate. Its suggestions are especially important at this time, and its arguments must carry conviction.

The allusion he makes in his famous financial essay in the February number of the *Continental Monthly*, is noteworthy. We observe in that article the following sentence: "How far, and to what extent, and under what special provisions, the gold received for customs might be deposited with these banks, may be the subject of discussion hereafter." It is clear to our mind that such a provision will be much to secure the success of the system, especially in New-York, where the gold paid for duties might exceed fifty millions of dollars a year.

As the new banks would be fiscal agents of the Government, and the principal holders of United States stock, why should they not hold on deposit the gold used to pay the interest on their stock? The declared object of the Sub-Treasury was to pay out gold daily to the creditors of the Government; and then keep it in active circulation among the people. But this now is impossible. Why, then, keep all this gold hoarded and unsecured in the Sub-Treasury, subject chiefly, to disbursements in payment of the interest of the public debt at stated periods? The gold to be received during the existing fiscal year from customs is estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury at $60,000,000. Such a deposit with the new banks would be a great inducement to their organization, would immensely augment their profits, and would create a great additional demand for United States stock. This gold should be required to be loaned by the new banks upon notes payable in gold, giving a preference to those who wanted it for payment of duties and especially to those who secured their notes by United States stock as collateral. These notes should be made payable generally in the future, about the time when the money would be required to liquidate the interest on the public debt. Such loans of gold by the banks for the payment of duties, would arise, to a great extent, the traffic in gold, enhance legal tenders, and consequently all bank notes convertible into them. This gold would be much more available to the banks than the deposit with them by the Government of legal tenders. The latter would be paid in and out freely by the Government so as not to leave a very large average deposit of them with the banks. But as the gold deposit would only be disbursed at stated periods, the banks would have substantially a constant deposit in specie, equal at least to the receipts for customs, and probably soon much larger, in the course of a year or two, by the excess of receipts over payments. As to keeping the gold in the vaults, there would be the same, whether held by the banks or the Sub-Treasury, except that the gold would be secured by United States stock by the banks, and not secured by the Sub-Treasury. We believe this amendment as to gold would secure the immediate success of the new system, advance immensely the National credit, and reinvigorate the public confidence at home and abroad in the overthrow of the rebellion. This gold, placed by the banks with the Government, should be so secured by United States stock, deposited in the Treasury, as to render it certain that the banks would be able promptly to meet all Treasury drafts for gold, to the full extent of the deposit.

Washington, Jan. 28, 1863.

Hon. John Sherman, United States Senator, &c., &c.:

Dear Sir: The great coincidence of our views on the financial and currency question has given me much pleasure and increased confidence. As we had never compared opinions upon this subject, and your speech was delivered in the Senate on the same day that my pamphlet was printed in New-York, and both appeared here simultaneously in the same morning paper, this coincidence is the more remarkable.

I have read your bill to provide a national currency, and, in compliance with my promise, suggest for your consideration the following amendments:

First—In section 19, strike out the multiplicity of these notes, or increase the amount to at least $300,000,000 now, and an augmentation of ten per cent. every year.

My reasons for this suggested change are as follows: The system proposed by you extends over a period of twenty years, and should contain provisions based on that consideration, and calculated to give stability and permanency to the system. The new circulation should be adequate in amount to become a substitute gradually for the notes of all the present banks, not by coercion, but by their own choice, and the preference which the people would certainly give to the new system. By table 24, p. 102, of the eighth census, the condition of the banks was as follows:

	Capital.	Loans.	Specie.	Circulation.
1860	$421,866,035	$684,476,826	$83,564,899	$207,102,477
1859	391,499,037	638,267,955	49,073,130	185,813,888

Deposits for 1860 ..... $256,035,130
Deposits for 1859 237,367,555

Thus you will perceive that in five the circulation

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES

Washington, Sunday, Feb. 1.

ABSENT ON SUSPENSION.

Assistant-Secretary Watson is absent in New-York on official business, and is expected to return to-morrow.

WASHINGTON QUIET.

The city is very quiet to-day, the principal topic of interest being the recent capture of a Federal vessel by the rebels on the Carolina coast, accounts of which will reach you by the Associated Press. The rain this evening depresses the spirits of those who have been anticipating the early movement of the Army of the Potomac.

NOMINATIONS.

The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate for confirmation since our last list:

To be Major-Generals: Brig.-Gen. Amos Douglas, Brig.-Gen. Frank P. Blair, Jr.

To be Brigadier-Generals: Col. C. L. Matsens, and Capt. Richard Arnold, of the Regular Army; Col. Frederick S. Wilkinson, of Pennsylvania, and Col. Edwin C. Mason, of Maine.

The following is to be additional Paymaster, with the rank of Major: J. F. Price, of Ohio; J. L. Cramer, of New-York; Edwin Gifford, of Illinois; George F. Carpenter, of Ohio; Benton McConnell and Charles Gurnie, of Wisconsin; Alexander Freeman, of Pennsylvania.

To be Quartermasters, with rank of Captain: John Stuart, of Illinois; Adam Fisher, of Kansas; Lieut. F. T. Starkweather, of Wisconsin; H. C. Goodwin, Robert Morris and Charles R. Wilder, of Massachusetts.

Commissaries of Subsistence, with the rank of Captain: William R. McClellan, of Indiana; William Thompson, of Pennsylvania; E. S. Blake, of Wisconsin.

To be Aide-de-Camp, with the rank of Major: Capt. Oscar A. Mack; Lieut. John P. Willard, and Sanford C. Kellogg, assigned to Maj.-Gen. George H. Thomas, commanding the Fourteenth Army Corps; Capt. Lewis R. Buford, Third Kentucky Cavalry, and Lieut. John H. Knox, assigned to Maj.-Gen. T. L. Crittenden, Twenty-first Army Corps.

THE NEGRO REGIMENT BILL.

The House, at its session on Saturday, continued the debate on the bill authorizing the enlistment of negro troops. A general understanding among the members has been had that debate will close with the morning hour on Monday, and the bill be put upon its final passage. Long speeches were made by a number of gentlemen both in favor of and against the bill. The speech of Mr. Cox, of New-York, attracted great attention for its logical and statesmanlike views.

THE M'DOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

On Saturday, Gen. Meade not yet having arrived, to testify, it was agreed between the Court and Gen. McDowell, that on Monday a day should be set for the closing of the case, whether Gen. Meade was present or not. The Court then went into secret session, for deliberation, with the understanding that when the doors were opened at 2 o'clock, the Court would adjourn until 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

THE FORTER CASE.

Mr. Wickliffe, of Kentucky, vainly attempted to smuggle through a resolution calling upon the President to transmit to the House copies of the evidence and proceedings in the Fitz John Porter Court Martial.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Sunday, Feb. 1.

EXPLANATIONS FROM THE FRENCH MINISTER.

Full and satisfactory explanations have passed between the French Minister and the State Department, in regard to the recent alleged efforts to induce M. Mazzini to depart from a just and friendly course of proceeding respecting our National affairs.

RECENT OCCURRENCES AT HAVANA.

Conversations have been held between the State Department and the Spanish Minister on the subject of the recent naval occurrences at Havana.

LEAGUE ISLAND.

The Committee on Naval Affairs have before them the communication from the Secretary of the Navy, recommending an appropriation of $250,000 for the preparation of League Island as a Naval Station. The Secretary suggests the acceptance of that donation from the City of Philadelphia, for the purpose of an iron navy, need not conflict with the establishment of a navy-yard at New-London.

GENERAL HOSPITAL IN WESTERN NEW-YORK.

Much interest has recently been manifested in regard to the establishment of a United States General Hospital in Western New-York, and Surgeon-General Hammond, at the request of Hon. Alfred Ely and a majority of his Congressional colleagues, has decided to locate one at Rochester, owing to its favorable locality, and the many advantages which that rich section of the State affords.

THE CANAL BILL.

The friends of the Michigan, Illinois and New-York Canal bill are sanguine of its passage through Congress.

AMUSEMENTS

The recovery of Signor Bellini enables Mr. Grau to announce a short season of Italian opera at the Academy of Music this evening, when Flotow's popular opera of "Martha" will be given. The cast in all respects is unexceptionable, in the part of *Lady Henrietta*, Miss Kellogg has already won one of her best successes, and we may hope that Mlle. Morensi will also deserve the approbation of the public as *Lady Nancy*, which part she will essay for the first time. Signors Bellini and Ferri are excellent in their several roles, and the orchestra and chorus drill, we are assured, be up to the best standard of the establishment. *Mr. Grau's season is limited* by various circumstances, one of the most important being that he must appear with his troupe in Boston on Monday next. It follows, therefore, that the present week is the last we shall have of opera until Mr. Maretzek's arrives. Mr. Grau's announcements are always satisfactory, but we should like to know why he has omitted from these gala performances Meyerbeer's charming opera of "Dinorah"—a work which was unwisely withdrawn just as its merits were beginning to be recognized. We trust that Mr. Grau will see the advantage of playing this on Friday evening, instead of "Don Giovanni," which can hardly be prepared in so short a season.

The German Opera, under Mr. Arnsberg, will return to the City, to-day, and recommence operations at Wallack's old theatre on Wednesday night, giving "Der Freischutz." Every one will be glad to hear that the season in Philadelphia was completely successful.

The amusements at the various other places of amusement, for to-night, are as follows: At the Academy of Music, "Martha;" at Niblo's Garden, "Leah, the Forsaken;" at Wallack's Theatre, the "School for Scandal;" at the Winter Garden, the "Advocate's Last Cause," "One Touch of Nature," and the "French Spy;" at Laura Keene's, the "Loan of a Lover" and the "Invincibles;" at the Old Bowery Theatre, the "Trombadour," "Jack and the Beanstalk" and the "Old Oak Chest;" and at Barnum's Museum, the "Cross of Gold." Buckley's Serenaders, at Stuyvesant Institute, afford an excellent entertainment of Ethiopian minstrelsy and burlesque opera; and for the lovers of natural history, the Broadway Menagerie will be found worthy of a visit.

The Academy of Music was invaded on Saturday by a nomadic tribe of colors—many of which have acquired a speaking knowledge of the English language, and seem to be at ease before a civilized audience. The novelty of the visitation, as well as the Oriental—not to say Hebraic—splendor of the announcements that preceded it, excited the curiosity of our citizens, and the Academy was handsomely filled with a gay throng of the fair sex and as immense quantity of the male creature—among whom were many of the dames of the Metropolis. The performance consisted of "the emotional drama," of Rose Lynne," in which the gifted actress, Miss Louisa Warren, appeared in her impressive delineations of *Lady Isabel* and *Mme. Vine*. This is the announcement of the manager, and not a statement of our own. We might quote the lofty strictures in other cities, but cannot speak of them here. The Academy of Music is much too large for dramatic performances, and the critic standing near the door in Fourteenth-street (for of course these wandering tribes have not yet attained the habit of politeness to members of the Press,) latks with comparative calmness on the agonies of a heroine bewailing her lot in the Third-avenue. It is possible that Miss Warren is an excellent actress; her figure, which has been steadily upward, would indicate that she possesses powers of a marked kind. But in the decorate palace-scenes of the Academy stage, her peculiarities are dissipated to the winds. A discontinuate damsel, in a vivid Reifertine-colored silk dress, who gradually becomes hysterical, is all that is vouchsafed to the spectator, and unbiased, to our thinking, for the formation of any judgment of histrionic ability. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with expressing the hope that on some future occasion we may have the pleasure of seeing Miss Warren in a sphere better adapted to her powers. In the meanwhile she remains may be permitted "to fret their tents like the drama, and so silently pass away."

Mr. Benjamin G. Massey, who always delves in the events of the moment for musical illustration, has just published (H. B. Dorrance, publisher,) a song called "The General, the Sergeant, and the Flag," based on an incident of the war. It is written in the familiar style of this composer, and will doubtless enjoy a sale.

The artists of the Tenthstreet Studio Building will give their next reception to-morrow evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—With the exception that there is not a secret in "Secrets Worth Knowing," or a particle of mystery save what friendly delusion the audience is willing to extend to a meritorious work, even as a lover closes his eyes to the obvious defects of the adored one;—with these exceptions the standard five-act comedy by Morton, produced at this delightful establishment on Thursday evening, may be described as one of the most agreeable works in Mr. Wallack's repertoire. The lack of a well sustained plot is more than compensated by the variety and quaintness of the characters, and an inexhaustible succession of amusing incidents. If Morton had been a painter, he would have been distinguished for color rather than form; for dazzling effects, but not for boldness of outline. In all his works, there are unmistakable indications of graphic power, and in none more so than "Secrets Worth Knowing." A play of this kind is admirably adapted to Wallack's Company, and it was, in consequence, admirably played. Every partie a character part, and affords to each member of the theatre an opportunity of traveling a little beyond the limits of the cast. The occasion was seized with much happiness by Mr. Lester Wallack, who, as Rostrum, the auctioneer, and general Deus of the piece, arranged the destinies with Bithesome ease and suavity. Mr. Charles Fisher, as *Nicholas Rue*, a miserly old servant of Satan, was "made up" excellently, and preserved the senile gait and chattering voice of the character to the end. His chuckling exit in the last act obtained the honor of a call before the scene. We have rarely seen this painstaking and accomplished actor to greater advantage. The *April* of Mr. Mark Smith, and the *Undermine* of Mr. Geo. Holland, were each effective sketches—the first full of light, and the second shady as sin. But the best and most powerful bit of characterization was the *Pickaxe* of Mr. Young—a broken-down, dissipated "Buck," whose very appearance was a discourse on morals, and a warning to the "fast" classes. The female characters are not very important. They were adequately impersonated by Mrs. John Sefton—who was thoroughly excellent in several scenes—Miss Mary Gannon, Miss Fanny Morant and Miss Carman. The comedy was received with much favor by the audience, and will doubtless bear many repetitions.

The public, accustomed to Mr. Barnum's good-natured waggery, has been in a certain extent suspicious of the genuineness of the promised wedding which should solemnly join Gen. Thumb to the Queen of Beauty. The matter has gone too far, however, to permit of further incredulity, and it is a settled fact, fixed as fate, that if on the 10th of February the parties interested and the Bishop of this Diocese are living, they will be joined in holy wedlock.

In the meantime, the rushing we them has become one of the local sensations of the day. Wednesday interests twenty thousand people a day is worthy of being chronicled in a public journal, and we learn by observation and information that the average attendance of the Nurse Wagner lovees is full that number. It is as the great Showman truly observed, "the biggest little thing ever done in this country."

At Lord & Taylor's may be seen at each hour of the day hundreds of people curious concerning the dear little dresses and skirts, and hoops and flounces, and furbelows in general, which are there prepared for the little bride-elect, and at Hall & Black's, gather an equally curious crowd to look at the presents, rare and beautiful, made by the General to his sweetheart, or given to Miss Warren by outside admirers.

The show continues open only this week.

Fire at Jefferson City, Mo.

Jefferson City, Saturday, Jan. 31.

The Pacific railroad depôt, the Government telegraph office and engine house, were burned this afternoon, together with a small amount of Government stores. The total loss is about $10,000.

The Public are Cautioned Against Buying or selling any of the bogus lye for making soap, &c., now offered under several names by unprincipled dealers—as this Company will prosecute for violation of their patent rights all such, either buyer or seller. The only genuine and patented article is the "SAPONIFIER OR CONCENTRATED LYE," made by this Company, who have just obtained the following decree of the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania:

Offices: Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh and Duquesne-way. Philadelphia—No. 32 Walnut-st.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, No. 4 of May Term, 1862. IN EQUITY.

The Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company vs. *Thomas G. Chase.*—And now, to wit, this fifteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two. This cause coming on for final hearing, on bill, answer, depositions, exhibits and proofs, and the counsel for the parties being heard, thereupon it is ordered, as judged and decreed, that the patent granted to George Thompson, on the twenty-second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and reissued on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, is valid, and that the complainant therein and by the assignments in the bill set forth, are vested with the exclusive right to make, use and vend the said invention, and that the defendant has infringed, violated and intruded upon the exclusive rights of the said complainant in said bill set forth, and further, that the use of the invention set forth in said bill, by the defendant, is not an invention of the patented invention described in said patent, dated December eleven, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and reissued February twenty-nine, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and that the said complainant is the owner of the said invention, and is entitled to the exclusive rights of the said patent, and is entitled to an injunction against the said defendant, restraining the said defendant, his agents, servants, from any further infringement, violation of the said patent, in any way or manner whatsoever, of the said invention, and from the manufacture, sale or use, of the article manufactured by the defendant under the name of "Professor Chase's Patent Lye," or of any other article under any other name, and from any other use, in any way of the invention and improvements mentioned and described in the said reissued letters patent, granted and reissued to said George Thompson, and set forth in said bill during the term of said letters patent.

(Signed) R. C. GRIER, Circuit Judge.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *Western District of Pennsylvania*, ss.—I, Henry Sproul, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify [SEAL] that the foregoing is a true copy of the final decree made in the foregoing case.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, at Pittsburgh, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1863.

(Signed) H. SPROUL, Clerk.

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MARRIED.

Burch—Keeler.—In Baltimore, on Thursday, Jan. 29, the Rev. Mr. Calloway, George B. Burch, of New-York, to Kate C., daughter of John O. Keeler, Esq., of the former place. No cards.

DIED.

Brown.—In Flushing, on the day evening, Ann Brown, in the 74th year of her age.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, on Bowne-av., in Flushing, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Boats connecting with cars on Hunters-ferry leaving Railroad house Jamaica and 34th-st. at 1 o'clock, returning at 4. Carriages will be in waiting at the depôt.

Bridge.—On Saturday, Jan. 31, Sarah Bridge, wife of Roger Bridge, aged 44 years, 4 months and 10 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 3 o'clock P. M., at the Dutch Reformed Church, at Fordham.

Doyle.—In this City, on Saturday, Jan. 31, John Doyle, aged 67 years, a native of Ballymoe, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the family, also of his son, John Doyle, and son-in-law, George W. Baldwin, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Monday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 67 Varick-st., without further invitation. Boston papers please copy.

Fraser.—In this City, on Sunday evening, Feb. 1, Thomas Fraser, in the 14th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Monday, Feb. 4, at 2½ o'clock P. M., from his late residence, No. 1 Bond-st.

Fenton.—In this City, on Saturday morning, Jan. 31, Mrs Helen Thomson, relict of the late John Fenton, of Perth, Scotland, in the 85th year of her age.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 2d Church, near 4th-av., on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 1 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

Giscombe.—On Friday evening, Jan. 30, Thomas D. Giscombe, of Eighth Regiment New-Jersey Volunteers, in the 20th year of his age.

The funeral will take place at the house of his father, James Giscombe, No. 681 Hudson-st., on Monday, Feb. 2, at 1 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Greene-ave Brooklyn, on Saturday, Jan. 31, of inflammatory croup, Mary Louisa, daughter of Wm. and Mary Hopkins Greene, aged 3 years and 6 months.

The funeral will take place from St. Paul's Church, corner of Monroe-av. and Fourteenth-st., Brooklyn, E. D., on Monday, (this day) Feb. 2, at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

Hodgkinson.—In Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, Jan. 27, of wounds received at the battle of Fredericksburgh, Corporal Woolverson Hodgkinson, Jr., of Company A, Ninth Regiment N. Y. S. M., aged 21 years.

Hawes.—In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 1, Miss L. L. B. Hawes.

The funeral will take place this day, at 1 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 176 Hudson-st. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Kenny.—In Millington, N. J., on Sunday, Feb. 1, Hester C., wife of Robert G. Kenny.

Luce.—In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 1, Alonzo Harvey, youngest son of James and Margaret Ann Luce, aged 9 years, 6 months and 9 days.

Ellenbogen.—In Rochester, N. Y., on Friday, Jan. 30, Miss Ernestine Lilienbaum, in the 20th year of her age.

Her remains will be interred in the Cemetery at Rochester, on Monday, Feb. 2, at 1 o'clock.

Nafis.—In Newtown, L. I., on Friday, Jan. 30, after a long and lingering illness, Mrs. Adriana, wife of Richard R. Nafis, aged 50 years, 5 months and 12 days.

The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 1 o'clock P. M., from her late residence, without further notice.

Perrine.—In this City, at the residence of her son-in-law, Henry H. Hart, No. 146 Orchard-st., Dangerine Ann Perrine, widow of the late Alexander Perrine, in the 83d year of her age.

The funeral will take place this day, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Pearson.—In this City, on Friday, Jan. 30, William H. Pearson, son of David C. Pearson, deceased, aged 20 years.

His body will be interred at Poughkeepsie.

Roome.—In Morristown, N. J., on Friday, Jan. 30, Janet, relict of John J. Roome.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 10½ o'clock, from her residence, in 30th-st., between Avenues A and B, without further invitation. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery for interment. ☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

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All interested are invited to attend.

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I have been for many years afflicted with deafness, so much so that I could not hear a clock, for the sound of which I placed myself under the care of Dr. Von Eisenberg, and am happy to say that in this case the Doctor has shown that skill and knowledge which had placed him at the head of his profession. I feel, therefore, with the utmost confidence, recommending any one afflicted with deafness to place themselves under his care.

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ARRIVAL OF THE AUSTRALASIAN.

What France Intends to Do in America.

Important Letter from the Emperor to Gen. Forey.

The Influence of the United States to be Checked.

The Prospects of the Indian Cotton Supply.

Letter from the Archbishop of Dublin to Mrs. Stowe.

The Cunard screw-steamer *Australasian*, which sailed from Liverpool at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 24th January, and from Queenstown on the afternoon of the 26th, arrived here yesterday afternoon.

The Dublin meeting in advocacy of the restitution of the Galway subsidy, was fixed for the 30th January.

The London correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian*, writing on the probable effect of the Emancipation Proclamation, says he hears a very general expression of opinion that the first black outrage will be the signal for a European intervention in the interests of humanity.

The *Times* has another article on the case of the *Alabama*. It admits that the resentment of the Northern States is very natural, and that when the case is stated from the Federal point of view, it is impossible to help feeling a certain degree of sympathy with their remonstrances. It contends, however, that many of the complaints against the British Government are irrelevant, and that they amount altogether to very little, and it adduces arguments in defence of that Government.

A circular had been issued in Liverpool, signed by several influential men, calling a meeting to test public opinion in that town on the war in America and the emancipation of the negroes. A preliminary meeting of the promoters was to be held on the Saturday that the *Australasian* sailed.

A branch of the newly formed "Emancipation Society" was being organized in Manchester, and movements were on foot for giving expression to the sympathy for the Anti-Slavery Administration of the North, which prevailed in Lancashire, particularly among the working men.

The marriage contract of the Prince of Wales and the Princess ALEXANDRA was signed at Copenhagen on the 15th.

THE AMERICAN QUESTION.

The Operations of France in America.

LETTER FROM NAPOLEON TO GEN. FOREY.

Among the documents in the "yellow book" just communicated to the French Chamber, is a letter from the Emperor NAPOLEON to Gen. FOREY, commander of the French troops in Mexico, in which we read:

> There will not be wanting people who will ask you why we go to lavish pains and money for the establishment of a regular government in Mexico. In the present state of the civilization of the world, the prosperity of America is not a matter of indifference to Europe, for it is she who feeds our manufactories and gives life to our commerce. We have an interest in that *that the Republic of the United States be powerful and prosperous; but we have none in this—that she should seize possession of all the Mexican Gulf, dominate from there the Antilles, as well as South America, and be the sole dispenser of the products of the New World.* We see now by sad experience how precarious is the fate of an industry which is reduced to seeking its chief raw material in one market alone, to all the vicissitudes of which it has to submit. If, on the other hand, Mexico preserves its independence, and maintains the integrity of its territory, if a stable Government is constituted with the assistance of France, we shall have restored to the Latin race on the other side of the ocean its strength and prestige; we shall have established an important outlet in the centre of America, and this institution, by presenting insurmountable obstacles to the ambition of the neighbouring Republic, will preserve to the unfortunate inhabitants of our colonies, Mexico, thus regenerated, will always be favorable to us, not only from gratitude, but also because her interests will be in harmony with ours, and she will find a powerful support in her good relations with the European Powers. To-day, then, our pledged military honor, the exigency of our policy, the interests of our industry and of our commerce, all make it a duty to march upon Mexico, and boldly plant there our flag; to establish either a monarchy, if it is not incompatible with the national sentiment of the country, or, at all events, a Government which possesses some stability.

Mr. Laing on the Indian Cotton Supply.

In a letter to the *Times*, on the cotton supply, Mr. LAING, the Ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer for India, says:

> I quite agree with Sir C. WOOD, that the question is one of price, and that if, for instance, America were sunk under the ocean, and the price of Indian Cotton in consequence permanently raised to 1s. per pound, India would ultimately supply us with 4,000,000 bales. But the practical question is, not what India might do under hypothetical circumstances in five or six years, but what India is really likely to do in the next year or two. Both the quality and the quantity per acre of Indian Cotton will doubtless increase. But it would be a mistake to suppose that under any circumstances the average produce per acre will approach that of America. Mr. Russell tells us how the cultivation has been there exhausted. Irish labor was employed to save the more valuable negro, and take the rough edge of the work in clearing the jungle and draining the favorite swamp. Then gangs of negroes, working in regiments like those of a regular army, were brought into play, with all the resources of capital and machinery in combination. Some of the virgin soil of Mississippi or of the best cot tons take place in India. Hitherto planters will always prefer the cultivation of tea and coffee, which are much more profitable than cotton, and are grown at altitudes above the sea much more favorable for European constitutions. Even if it were otherwise, the command of adjacent labor of the description used in America does not exist. The great bulk of the Indian supply of cotton will therefore always, as at present, be grown by the ryots as a subsidiary crop. The aggregate produce will therefore always be far less than in America. But, although this is so, a vast quantity will still be produced by the cultivation of an acre here and an acre there, on the small holdings of the peasant proprietors of a population of 180,000,000, who are mainly agricultural. This is purely a question of price. Let cotton sell on the spot to the ryot at a price which makes it his best paying rotation crop, and there is scarcely any limit to the quantity which may ultimately be grown. Now to apply these data to the practical state of things with which we have to deal. In September last I warned the people of Manchester that, to the best of my judgment, they would not get, at the outside, above 1,500,000 bales of cotton from India for the next twelve months. There seems no reason to alter that opinion. To produce an extra supply of 1,000,000 bales at the existing rate of production—and any increase on it by prospective—would require at least 4,000,000 acres extra to be sown with cotton, and, as the cotton crop can only be grown after a rotation of three or four years, this implies that the cultivation of 12,000,000 acres of existing arable ground, which have not hitherto grown cotton as a rotation crop, shall begin to do so. Lancashire may be kept on half rations, and saved from absolute starvation, during the next two years by Indian cotton, not effectual and speedy relief can only come from America. I am convinced, too, that it is for the interest of India that the war in America should soon terminate, so that it may be seen to what normal price cotton would permanently settle down. If America can again produce 4,000,000 bales of cotton at 5d. to 6d. per lb., and so drive the price of Indian cotton down to 3d. (the crop will pay better in India; cotton will cease to be grown largely for exportation; and a large amount of capital, which can ill be spared, will have been lost, after being diverted from other pursuits by the temporary stimulus given by high prices. But if, as I think more probable, America, when the war ceases, cannot regain her former production, India will undoubtedly supply the deficiency. It is hazardous to venture on an estimate in such matters, but I see no reason to alter that which I gave four months ago at Manchester, viz: 1. That for the next twelve months India might furnish from 1,250,000 to 1,500,000 bales, but not more. 2. That permanently, after time to extend the cultivation and get over the fluctuations at the termination of the war, India might supply somewhere about 2,500,000 bales, with a permanent average price of 6d. per pound for Indian cotton in Liverpool; and 1,000,000 bales, more or less, for each 1d. per pound, more or less, in the price of the article. I believe that if the war in America could be terminated to-morrow by the joint recognition of the South by the Great Powers or otherwise, the result at which we should probably arrive in two or three years, after severe fluctuations, would be something like the following: Cotton consumption of the world, 3,000,000 bales. Supply—America, 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 bales, at 6d. to 7d. per pound; India, 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bales, at 5d. per pound; the rest of the world, 400,000 to 500,000 bales.

Letter from the Archbishop of Dublin to Mrs. H. B. Stowe.

PALACE, DRAGO, TUESDAY, Jan. 6, 1863.

DEAR MADAM: In acknowledging your letter and pamphlet I take the opportunity of laying before you what I believe to be the prevailing sentiments here on American affairs. Of course, there is a great variety of opinion, as may be expected in a country like ours. Some few sympathize with the Northerns, and some with the Southerns, but far the greater portion sympathize with neither completely, but lament that each party should be causing so much greater an expenditure of life and property than can be compensated for by any advantage they can dream of obtaining.

Those who are the least favorable to the Northerns are not so from any approbation of Slavery, but from not understanding that the war is waged in the cause of Abolition. It was waged, they say, ostensibly for the restoration of the Union, and, in attestation of this, they refer to the proclamation which announced the confiscation of slaves that were the property of Secessionists, while those who adhered to the Federal cause should be exempt from such confiscation; which, they say, did not savor much of zeal for Abolition.

Many, who have a great dislike to Slavery, yet hold that the Southerns had at least as much right to secede as the Americans had originally to revolt from Great Britain. And there are many who think that, considering the dreadful distress we have suffered from the cotton famine, we have shown great forbearance in withstanding the temptation to recognize the Southern States and break the blockade. Then, again, there are some who are provoked at the incessant railing at England and threats of an invasion of Canada which are poured forth in some of the American papers.

There are many, also, who consider that the present state of things cannot continue much longer if the Confederates continue to hold their own as they have done hitherto, and that a people who shall have maintained their independence for two or three years will be recognized by the principal European Powers. Such appears to have been the procedure of the European Powers in all similar cases—such as the revolt of the Anglo-American and Spanish-American colonies, of the Netherlands and the Belgians. In these, and other like cases, the rule practically adopted seems to have been to recognize the revolters, not at once, but after a reasonable time had been allowed to see whether they could maintain their independence, and this without being understood to have pronounced any decision either way as to the justice of the cause.

Moreover, there are many who say that the negroes and people of color are far from being kindly or justly treated in the Northern States. An emancipated slave, at any rate, has not received good training for earning his bread by the wages of labor; and if, in addition to this and his being treated as an outcast, he is excluded, as it is said, from many employments by the refusal of the white laborers to work along with him, he will have gained little by taking refuge in the Northern States.

I have now laid before you the views which I conceive to be the most prevalent among us, and for which I am not myself responsible. For the sole and effectual emancipation of slaves, I myself consider there is no plan so good as the gradual one, which was long ago suggested by Bishop Hinze. What he recommended was a small salvest tax upon slaves, the value to be fixed by the owner, with an option to Government to purchase at that price. Thus the slaves would be a burden to the master, and those present no who should be the most intelligent and steady, and, therefore, the best qualified for freedom; and if would be his interest to train his slaves to be free laborers, and to emancipate them, one by one, as speedily as he could with safety. I fear, however, that the time is gone by for trying this experiment in America.

With best wishes for the new year I remain, dear Madam, yours faithfully, RD. WHATELY.

Deputation to the American Minister.

A deputation from the Executive Committee of the Emancipation Society waited on His Excellency the American Minister, at the embassy in Portland-place, for the purpose of presenting him with a resolution, agreed upon at a special meeting of the committee, approving of President LINCOLN'S Proclamation.

Mr. EVANS introduced the deputation after which Mr. CRESSON read the resolution.

Mr. TAYLOR, M. P., in expressing the pleasure he felt at the course the American Government had lately taken in regard to Slavery, and he believed the Proclamation would not only tend to the entire abolition of Slavery, and the continuance of the Union, but that it would greatly conduce to a lasting peace between England and America.

Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel said he cordially approved of Mr. LINCOLN'S policy. He had observed Mr. LINCOLN'S honest intention to maintain the Constitution on the one hand, and to do what the Constitution allowed on the other for the liberation of the slave. The President had used the war power which had been put into his hands, and he (Mr. Noel) hoped that, under God's blessing, it might be the means of bringing the rebellion to a close. In abstaining from taking the same course in the Border loyal States, he recognized the President's reverence for the Constitution. But he (Mr. Noel) hoped and trusted the loyal States would adopt the liberal policy which the Government had adopted, and that ere long America would be free from the stain of Slavery. (Applause.)

Rev. NEWMAN HALL said the opinion of this country on the American struggle had been greatly misrepresented. The leading newspapers, which were supposed to represent public opinion, really did not represent the feelings of the masses. He would just give one illustration of the inconsistency of those who misrepresented public opinion. In the Times of the day before there had been a leading article in the first paragraph of which the President had been condemned on the high ground of Philanthropy, for not issuing the proclamation, while in the next paragraph he had been condemned for what he had done, on the ground that he had invaded the Constitution. Now, when one paragraph in a leading journal contradicted another, he did not think there was much danger that the great body of the people would not understand the question. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Jacob Bright concurred in all that had been said.

Mr. ADAMS then replied in the following terms: Gentlemen: I receive this expression of the sentiments of so respectable body with great pleasure and great satisfaction. I need not say how encouraging such manifestations will be to those persons in my country represented by the President of the United States, who have been driven into the necessity of maintaining such a painful struggle as has been carried on by them in America, in defence of great principles of public law and public order. I am very much encouraged by the circumstance that there is growing here, and in Europe generally, a better conception than has heretofore prevailed of the principle involved in the struggle. The election of Mr. LINCOLN was a great declaration of the majority of the people of the United States in favor of the principle of human freedom. The signification of it was that the persons then elected to places of responsibility should be so far imbued with that principle as that, while they carried on the Government in the spirit of freedom, they should at the same time avoid the necessity of a struggle of physical force. It was the conviction on the part of the opponents of that policy that the result would be as certain by that process, though perhaps much slower, that drove him into the desperate measure of stopping it at the threshold by violence. The consequence was that the Government was attacked at its very foundations. The struggle to preserve it has been going on from that time to this. If, therefore, there has been what might otherwise be thought extraordinary haste and precipitate energy in any of the measures which have been taken by the Government, it has not been owing so much to any will of their own as to the fact that the violence of the resistance has caused the necessity for them. I think the idea which it is desirable to present distinctly is this—that the struggle has been one of self-defence against the aggressive system that was threatening destruction to the whole edifice of government as it stood, for the reason that it was too favorable to freedom. And with regard to this Proclamation, the desire on the part of the President of the United States has been, as I conscientiously believe, not to hasten the measure of emancipation any faster than popular sentiment in the Slave States would demand, nor any faster than the emergency should dictate—or, in other words, simply so to act as to prevent those very convulsions which war is too apt to precipitate. Therefore, in all matters incidental to the maintenance of his policy, regard has been steadily had to the possible existence of those dangers of style was which necessarily must have been foreseen by all thoughtful persons during the contest. Therefore, while always keeping in view the ultimate consequences of that great revolution, and, I may say, overwhelming strength, I trust that the great result which we all hope will arrive at will be eventually reached—not, perhaps, immediately, not, perhaps, to-day, or to-morrow, or the next day, but ultimately, by a steady perseverance in one course, which may force the consent of all parties, and yet avert the fearful consequences which we might naturally apprehend. I am extremely gratified in the assurances which have been given by several gentlemen with respect to the state of popular feeling in England on this subject. I have myself had occasion to notice the fact that, although some of the opponents of the public sentiment have appeared to be at times exceedingly harsh upon the United States, yet that, when opportunity offered for an appeal to the people themselves, the sentiment has uniformly responded to the policy which the United States' Government have enunciated. I am, therefore, encouraged to hope that the clouds which have heretofore gathered, and at times somewhat orientonly, over the amicable relations of the two countries, have now more and more the appearance of vanishing from the sky. I feel sanguine that the expression of sympathy from here, which I have been lately the medium of repeatedly communicating to my countrymen, will have the effect of clearing away many impressions that may have been received by reading the attacks of hostile journals, and taking them too much as the true expression of the sentiment of the people. I think, by understanding distinctly—which they will now have the opportunity of doing—that the policy of Great Britain is not retrograde on the subject of Slavery, wherever it may, and where it is, in force, she, for her part, pledges it as nobly gave to the world of its devotion to the principles of human freedom—the growing conviction of that fact will have the effect in America of fostering those amicable relations and reviving those warm sentiments which ought to be entertained between the two kindred peoples at all times. Gentlemen, I shall not longer detain you. I will just say that I shall have pleasure in communicating to my Government a knowledge of the sentiments which have been expressed to-day.

The deputation then thanked His Excellency for the courtesy with which he had received them, and withdrew.

The Collection of Emancipation.

The following circular has been issued in Manchester:

> EMANCIPATION SOCIETY, MANCHESTER BRANCH, Monday, Jan. 5, 1863.
>
> DEAR SIR: We respectfully invite your cooperation in the formation of a Branch Emancipation Society in this city, in second the efforts of the Association in London, whose address we inclose you.
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> The Committee of that Society have offered to send a deputation to address public meetings throughout the manufacturing districts, provided the local arrangements for such meetings be undertaken by a branch organization, such as the one to which we ask your adhesion.
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> Recent events have unmistakably demonstrated that, amongst working men especially, true views on the American question generally prevail, and that there is in Lancashire a much stronger sympathy for the Anti-Slavery Administration of the North than was anticipated.
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> The visit of a deputation from the London Emancipation Society would not only give a valuable opportunity for the expression of those opinions, but would raise the important issue of Freedom vs. Slavery, involved in the American war, to better understanding.
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> At the close of the labors of the London Deputation it is proposed to hold an influential meeting in Manchester, at which some of the leading Liberal members of Parliament and representative politicians of Lancashire are expected to attend.
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> As it is of importance that the work in hand should be commenced at once, we venture to hope for an early and favorable reply. We are, dear Sir, yours very truly,
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> (Signed) THOMAS R. POTTER, Chairman. ED. OWEN GREENING, Hon. Sec.

CONTINENTAL NEWS.

The Roman Question—England's Offer to the Pope.

The text of the official correspondence relating to the Roman question, has been published. M. DROUYN DE L'HUYS wrote as follows to the French Minister at Rome on the 20th of December:

> "I have heard in an indirect manner that Mr. Odo RUSSELL, on being received by the Pope, gave to His Holiness, in the name of Earl RUSSELL, the advice to quit Italy, adding that, in such a case, Her Britannic Majesty's Government would willingly offer to him the island of Malta as a place of residence; that English vessels would be at his disposal; and that the Pope might rely upon the respect which would be given him in the asylum that he might accept all the conditions of an establishment worthy of him. These propositions were made in an official form, adopted for the first time in the intercourse which Mr. Odo RUSSELL has held with the Holy See. Mgr. CANTI having come to see me, I told him, in alluding to the above, that I had learnt that we had new auxiliaries and companions in the protection which we give to the Holy See. The Nuncio having confirmed the information which had been given me, I added, while avoiding to take the matter more seriously than was necessary, that we hoped very much that if the Pope, which God forbid, were compelled to quit Italy, he would grant us the preference over England, and that we should ask it of it."
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> In reply to this dispatch, the Prince LAVOUR D'ARCAYRAC wrote to Paris:
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> "I hasten to send you the information which I have received, and which I have reason to believe is correct, concerning the proposition recently made to the Holy See by Lord RUSSELL to put the island of Malta at the disposal of the Pope, in the case of his consenting, as England advised him to do, to give up Rome to Italy. In the course of the Summer Mr. Odo RUSSELL, who was about to take leave, solicited an audience of the Pope. Admitted to the audience, Mr. RUSSELL pleaded as usual, but in decorous terms, the cause of Italian unity, for the success of which, he said, his Government entertained the most ardent desire. At the moment of his quitting leave of His Holiness, when he was already upon the threshold of the cabinet, the Holy Father addressed to him, it seems, without attaching to them the least importance, these words: 'Adieu, dear Mr. RUSSELL. Who knows if one day I shall not be forced to go to you to ask for hospitality?' At these words, Mr. RUSSELL immediately returned into the cabinet of the Holy Father, to ask him if he indeed feared that he should be compelled to quit Rome; and if, in that case, he would really be disposed to go to England. The Pontiff very quickly reassured Mr. RUSSELL, by adding that he was ignorant of the trials which Providence reserved for him; but that for the moment he had no apprehension, and did not at all dream of removing from Rome. Mr. Odo RUSSELL, who doubtless expected this conversation to be Government, giving it, perhaps, more importance than it really possessed, was immediately, we are assured, summoned to London by telegraph. On his return to Rome, in the month of November last, Mr. Odo RUSSELL went to Cardinal ANTONELLI, and gave him a note in which Lord RUSSELL, after having supposed the cause of Italian unity and the right of Italy to possess Rome, advised the Pope to quit the Eternal City, and announced that, in case the Holy Father was disposed to follow this advice, the English Mediterranean fleet would be placed at his service to convey him either to France or to Spain, or to Malta, where a palace would be put at his disposal, and where he could wait freely till Italy had pronounced in favor of his sovereignty. Mr. Odo RUSSELL, in leaving the note of his Government to His Holiness' Secretary of State, authorized him to make confidentially such use of it as he might think fit. The Cardinal hastened to reply that he had no use to make of it, seeing that the Pope did not dream the least in the world of quitting Rome. The intention of His Eminence was, even, we are assured, to maintain complete silence on this matter, so as not to give to the proposition of Mr. Odo RUSSELL an importance which it did and possess. But it soon became known at the Vatican, as Mr. Odo RUSSELL himself spoke of it to one of the diplomatic employees accredited to the Holy See. Matters remained there, however, and Cardinal ANTONELLI regarded the incident as terminated, when, according to what had been told to me, Mr. Odo RUSSELL again presented himself to His Eminence on the occasion of the Christmas fêtes, and informed him that he had received a private letter from Lord RUSSELL, in which that Minister expressed his lively regret at seeing that the Pope was not disposed for the moment to accept his propositions, adding that he had reasons to believe that His Holiness would in a very short time find himself under the necessity of yielding to them. Cardinal ANTONELLI abstained from making any reply to this new communication."

France.

The Bank of France, on the 15th inst., acting in sympathy with the Bank of England, advanced its rate of discount from 4 to 5 per cent.

The *Revue Nationale* had received a first warning. It was reported that the fortifications of military storehouses and arsenals in France are to be transplanted thither.

The Paris Bourse was heavy. Rentes closed on the 16th at 68.50.

Spain.

All the Ministers had resigned. The Queen commissioned Marshal O'DONNELL to form a new Cabinet. Señor POSADA was spoken of for Foreign Minister in place of CALDERON. Several other changes were expected.

Italy.

An official decree appoints the 20th of January for the termination of the extraordinary powers conferred upon the Prefects of Naples and Palermo.

The Municipality of Genoa had voted 50,000 francs for the subscription to relieve the victims of brigandage.

Poland.

The military conscription, which, according to the custom of Poland, took place during the night of the 16th in Warsaw, passed off without disturbance.

Belgium.

The King of the Belgians had had a relapse, and alarming accounts as to the state of his health were current, but no official bulletin has been published.

The Greek Question.

It is reported that England had put forward the veteran Duke of Saxe-Coburg as the new candidate for the throne of Greece, but that the Duke had declined to accept the nomination.

Turkey.

La France proposes to have intelligence from Constantinople that the Sultan acts as if he were preparing for war, and that England appears to urge him in that direction.

The Cabinet of St. Petersburg assures the Porte of giving encouragement to the Circassians, and of fomenting agitation in the Caucasus and Daghestan.

OMAR PASHA had resigned, but his resignation had not been accepted.

DOST MAHOMED had withdrawn his troops from before Herat, in order to negotiate for peace.

It is reported that the ministerial crisis arose from FUAD PASHA desiring to reduce the army by 60,000 men, and to relinquish the project of building iron-plated ships.

South America.

Rio dates to Dec. 25 had reached Lisbon. Coffee was quoted at 7,000@7,100 for good fresh. Stock 80,000 bags. Shipments since last mail, 91,000. Exchange, 26 1/16@25 1/8.

At Pernambuco, Exchange was at 24 1/2@24 3/4. White Sugar, 2,350@2,500; Browns, 1,550@2,100.

India and China.

A Calcutta telegram of Dec. 30, reports Shipings and Twist higher and advancing. Exchange 2s. 8d. Freight improving.

SHANGHAI, Saturday, Dec. 6.

Shirtings lower. Silk firm. Exchange 2s. 1 1/4d.

CANTON, Sunday, Dec. 14.

Tea fall. Exchange 2s. 0 1/4d.

The rebels had withdrawn from the neighborhood of Shanghai, and all was quiet.

LATEST BY THE AUSTRALASIAN.

BY TELEGRAPH VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 18.

The *Express* says it is rumored that we are about to have two Earls made Marquises and six New Peers. Five of the Peers are to be Sir Charles Wood, Mr. Wentworth Beaumont, Mr. Monckton Milnes, Col. Henry White and Mr. Edward Elliott. The name of the sixth has not transpired.

The *Globe* says that the French version of Mr. Odo RUSSELL'S interviews with His Holiness was founded on hearsay. It is not quite accurate. In answer to a remark of the Pope, playful or otherwise, Mr. RUSSELL assured His Holiness that England would not refuse him hospitality in case it were required. Subsequently Mr. RUSSELL gave a more formal assurance. This is very different from going to the Vatican with a framed proposal to the Pope that he should forthwith make Malta the headquarters of the church.

The *Evening Herald* says it has reason to believe that the Duke of Saxe-Coburg has accepted the throne of Greece.

A dispatch from St. Vincent states that the *Nepaulis Edwards*, from Liverpool for Calcutta, was totally lost on the Island of St. Antonio; crew saved. The *Chariot*, from the Clyde, arrived at Otago on Oct. 12.

The *Economist*, at the end of an elaborate article, comes to the conclusion that, in all probability, the American war will continue perhaps during the entire reign of Mr. LINCOLN, or, at any rate, during the greater portion of it.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Saturday, Jan. 17.

The new Ministry has been formed, and is composed as follows:

President of the Council and Minister of War, Marshal O'DONNELL.
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Marshal TRAVEN.
Minister of the Interior, Marquis de VEGA ARMIJO.
Minister of Finance, Señor SALAVERRIA.
Minister of Justice, Señor GUILLARDA.
Minister of Public Works, Señor SANTA CRUZ.
Minister of Marine, Señor LUBIAS.

DENMARK.

COPENHAGEN, Saturday, Jan. 17.

The note of the Danish Government, in reply to the last dispatch of Earl RUSSELL, dated Nov. 28, has been published. The principal points of the reply are as follows: The Danish Government states that maintenance of the autonomy of Holstein is not, as Earl RUSSELL considers, the duty of Denmark, but is merely a great moral duty, which, if it ceased, would have forced from Denmark, and which was only made on condition that no foreign intervention in the affairs of the monarchy would take place. The note then continues: "As regards Schleswig, Earl RUSSELL has given more credit to the secret reports of a subordinate agent than to the open and loyal declaration of the Danish Government. For the reason Denmark will, in future, adhere to the points of international law engaged in the question, and will enter into negotiations with nobody concerning the state of affairs at Schleswig."

FRANCE.

PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 17—3 and 5 P. M.

The Bourse has been heavy. Rentes closed at 68c., or 5c. lower than yesterday.

Count GONTZ, the Prussian Ambassador, presented his credentials, to-day, to the Private Audience for the Emperor. He dwelt upon the friendly relations existing between France and Prussia, adding his conviction that the treaty of commerce, recently concluded, would strengthen their ties of amity. The Emperor, in reply, expressed his satisfaction at the choice made in the new Ambassador, in whose sentiments he fully participated. His Majesty stated further, that since the interview he had with the King of Prussia, he had always desired that their relations should become more cordial. It was his opinion, also, that the commercial treaty was the best means of consolidating the union of the two countries.

The treaty of commerce between France and Italy was signed to-day.

HORACE VERNET, the celebrated painter, died this morning.

QUEENSTOWN, Sunday Afternoon.

The steamship *John Bell*, from Glasgow, for Portland and New-York, with a general cargo, has put into this harbor with propeller, keel, sternpost and rudder carried away, and much other damage.

The Royal Mail steamship *Europa* arrived off this harbor at 5 P. M. yesterday, (Saturday, the 17th inst.)

THE LATEST MARKET NEWS.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday Evening.

Steamships *Great Eastern*, from New-York, and *Europa*, from Boston, arrived to-day.

Cotton—Sales, to-day, 8,000 bales, including 1,500 bales to speculators and exporters. The market closed quiet and unchanged.

BREADSTUFFS—The market is quiet and steady.

PROVISIONS—The market is very dull.

LONDON, Saturday Evening.

Consols closed to-day at 92 1/2@92 3/4 for money.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

The latest sales are: Erie Railroad, 45 3/4@46; Illinois Central, 60@60 1/2 discount.

HAVRE COTTON MARKET.

Sales of cotton for the week, 6,500 bales. The market is firm but irregular. Stock, 128,000 bales.

PARIS, Saturday.

The Bourse is heavy. Rentes 68f. 50c.

THE BATTLE ON THE BLACKWATER.

Defeat of the Rebels Under General Pryor.

The Rebels Routed and Driven Across the River.

We gave in yesterday's TIMES an account of an engagement which took place about ten miles from Suffolk, between a portion of the forces under Gen. PRYOR, commanded by Gen. CORCORAN, and the rebel forces under Gen. PRYOR, in which the latter were defeated. The following letter gives the narrative rather more in detail:

TAR MILLS FROM SUFFOLK, Friday, Jan. 23—12 M.

Information was received at Suffolk, on Wednesday night, that the rebel Gen. PRYOR had crossed the Blackwater, with three regiments of infantry, four detached battalions of infantry, fourteen pieces of artillery and about 600 cavalry.

Last evening Gen. CORCORAN received orders from Gen. PEAKE to advance from Suffolk at 12 o'clock midnight, to find and attack the enemy. At the appointed time our forces moved. They proceeded along the road toward the Blackwater and Carrsville for nine miles, without meeting opposition. At last, on arriving in the neighborhood of what is designated as "the deserted house" (ten miles from Suffolk,) our advance met that of the enemy's, the latter command having bivouacked without fires.

We spent but a short time in feeling the enemy's position. A portion of our artillery was brought up just about the time that two of the enemy's pieces opened on us. In less than half an hour all our artillery and that of the rebels became engaged. We were in such a position that it was possible to see the flashes of the enemy's guns, thereby enabling us to fire directly at the rebel batteries.

After two hours and a half of cannonading the fire on the part of the rebels became less brisk and continuous. This was evidence to us that they were retreating or were preparing to retreat. Immediately Gen. CORCORAN ordered a general advance, the infantry with fixed bayonets and the cavalry with drawn sabres. The General gave particular instructions that the infantry should charge with the bayonet, and that the cavalry should also charge and push right on, and, if unsuccessful in breaking the rebel line of battle, to fall back and allow the infantry to go on.

We advanced in this manner, our main object being to capture, if possible, the guns covering the retreat of the rebels. As we advanced the enemy fell back, and on our gaining the late field of operations we found the bird had flown—the rebels having left the place to cover their retreat, and blistered it up in double-quick time when we advanced, and got it away.

We continued to pursue them, driving them for nearly a mile, and so rapidly that they had to abandon many of their killed and wounded. Many of their dead even now lay on the field, and our surgeons are affording relief to not a few of their wounded.

Col. KEENANN, of the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania, is wounded in the hip by a piece of shell. The wound is a dangerous one; but it is thought it will not prove mortal.

Capt. TAYLOR, of the One Hundred and Thirtieth New-York, is killed. A piece of shell struck him carrying away the greater portion of his side.

Col. KEENANN and Capt. TAYLOR belong to Brigadier-Gen. TERRY'S brigade.

Gen. CORCORAN went down with Col. SPEAR to reconnoiter, when the rebels espied them and threw over shot and a charge of grape. The shot fell directly in front of Gen. C., throwing dirt all over him, and the charge of canister shot Col. SPEAR'S horse under him.

The Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry made some good charges.

After driving the rebels from their battle grounds we continued to follow them up, until they took up another position about two miles beyond, at the forks of a road.

Col. MURPHY, of the Sixty-ninth New-York, was complimented on the field of battle by Gen. CORCORAN for gallantry and bravery.

Capt. J. J. BIDWELL, Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of Gen. CORCORAN, is wounded in the leg—rather slightly.

Capt. KELLY, of the Sixty-ninth New-York, is wounded in the arm, severely; amputation thought necessary.

Gen. CORCORAN has just determined to move to the right of this last rebel position, on what is known as the old Franklin Road, in order to try and outflank them. This movement is made more to save loss of life than to defeat the rebels; for we have large enough force (with the reinforcements that have just arrived) to advance directly on the enemy and drive him before us. The rebels' position is just at the end of an immense open space. Over this we would have to advance (giving him the advantage of seeing us) in order to make a direct attack.

At this time the engagement has lulled a little. The fight has lasted for seven hours. The prospect seems good for another one.

We have taken quite a large number of prisoners.

A full list of the casualties—24 killed and 60 wounded—was given in yesterday's TIMES. Following is a recapitulation:

	Killed.	Wounded.
Sixth Massachusetts	2	6
Thirteenth Indiana	1	10
One Hundred and Twelfth New-York	1	3
One Hundred and Thirtieth New-York	1	10
Sixty-ninth New-York	5	4
Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry	3	5
One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Penn.	—	4
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Penn.	—	4
Seventh Massachusetts Battery, Co. G.	2	—
Fourth United States Artillery, Co. D.	4	—
Total	24	60

THE FIGHTING ALL OVER.

FORT MONROE, Sunday, Feb. 1.

The fighting near the Blackwater is all over, and the rebels are driven beyond that river.

VERY LATEST FROM SUFFOLK.

SUFFOLK, Sunday, Feb. 1.

A reconnoissance of the First Mounted New-York Rifles went to Zuni, also in the direction of the Isle of Wight, to within half a mile of the Blackwater Bridge, but could not find the enemy anywhere in that neighborhood.

Over two hundred Virginia natives to-day were on our late victorious battle-field. They were engaged in securing curiosities and relics. Some of these visitors came from quite a distance.

Corporal COLEMAN, of Company D, Sixty-ninth New-York Volunteers, died in Hospital to-night of his wounds.

Three of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, reported as wounded, have since died of their wounds.

Your correspondent would state that it is a fact that Gen. PRYOR said he had heard of a late engagement near Savannah. You are mistaken in publishing that Gen. PRYOR and Gen. PEAKE had an interview. Gen. PRYOR made his bivouac to a native Virginian, who imparted the intelligence he had received to us. Gen. PRYOR then communicated it to Gen. PEAKE. These are the facts of the report.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises	7 00	Sun sets	5 27
Moon rises	9 32	Moon sets	6 07
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.			
Sandy Hook	9 32	Gov. Island	9 52
Hell Gate	2 44		

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....SUNDAY, Feb. 1.

ARRIVED.

Steamships Ontonagon, Barton, New-Orleans Jan. 6, via Havana 24th at 10 P. M., with mdse. and passengers to Spofford, Tileston & Co. Jan. 28, 30½ A. M., passed steamship Marion, bound, going up the river. The steamship Creole, Couch, hence, arrived at Havana just as the Columbia was leaving.

Steamship Australasian, (Br.,) Cook, Liverpool Jan. 17, and Queenstown 18th, at 4.30 P. M., with mdse. to E. Cunard. The steamships Great Eastern, hence, and the Europa, from Boston, sailed for Liverpool Jan. 17. Jan. 27, lat. 42 20, lon. 67 20, passed large quantities of field ice.

Steamer Sea Gull, Kenny, Providence, with mdse. to E. Bynner.

Steamer Osprey, Aldrich, Providence, with mdse. to E. Bynner.

Ship Vanguard, Keith, Vera Cruz Jan. 8 and S. W. Pass Jan. 17, in ballast to Howland & Aspinwall.

U. S. bark Vellguor, Blye, New-Orleans 16 ds., in ballast.

Bark Garibaldi, Hart, New-Orleans 14 ds., with sugar to H. D. Brockman & Co.

Brig Swanee, Munroe, Vera Cruz Dec. 23, via Key West 11 ds., in ballast to master.

Brig George E. Letson, (Br., of Miramichi,) Blatchford, Aspinwall 42 ds., with plates, cocoanuts, etc., to Handy & Hoadley. Experienced very heavy weather, split sails, etc.; was 15 ds. with close-reefed topsails.

Brig Mary Cobb, Duncan, Fort Royal 6 ds., in ballast to F. M. Bixby & Co.

Brig Hampden, (of Bangor,) Nickerson, St. Marx Jan. 8, with logwood to Brett, Son & Co.

Schr. Francis S. Smith, Anderson, Philadelphia, coal.

Schr. G. Hempstead, Hempstead, Philadelphia, coal.

Schr. Grape Shot, Corey, Baltimore 4 ds., coal.

Schr. C. W. Rawley, Beeler, Baltimore, 7 ds., coal.

Schr. E. W. Farrington, Robinson, Philadelphia 4 ds., coal.

Schr. E. S. Sweet, (Pension,) Irving, Port Royal 6 ds., in ballast to F. L. McCready.

Schr. Queen of the South, (Pension,) Cowan, Washington, D. C., 6 ds., in ballast to F. L. McCready.

WIND—Sunset, S. E.

BELOW—1 bark unknown.

Sailed.

Ships Johanna, (Russ.,) Behnen, Margaret Brown, Glasgow, Courier, Holwright.

Barks Albatross, (Br.,) Johnson, Marie, (Russ.,) Sabanna Martin, (